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BRITISH CLAIMS ON SOVIET.

SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS.

STATEMENT SHORTLY.

London, Apr. 2.
In the House of Commons to-
day, Mr. Arthur Henderson,
Foreign Secretary, was asked
whether he had yet urged upon
the Soviet Ambassador the rights
of British claimants upon the
Soviet Government and pressed
for the recognition and settlement
of the debts due to them.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Foreign
Under-Secretary, replied in the
affirmative. He said the object
of the negotiations now proceed-
ing was to agree upon suitable
machinery for consideration of
these claims.

It was hoped that the present
stage of negotiations would be
completed before Easter, and he
would then be able to make a
statement.—*British Wireless.*

It has been stated that the
British creditors' claims on the
Soviet total more than £300,000,
mostly made up of the value of
confiscated properties and loans
for industrial and famine relief
purposes. On the other hand,
the Soviet is said to have many
claims offsetting this total.

ANCIENT MUSKETS.

DANGEROUS TO THOSE WHO USE THEM.

During a search for opium on
board a junk which had arrived in
the harbour yesterday, revenue
officers failed to locate any drug
but found two muskets for which
the master had not taken out a
permit from the local authorities.
Two of the occupant's appeared be-
fore Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kow-
loon Magistracy this morning,
charged with unlawful possession.

His Worship intimated that the
weapons were very old, to which
Detective Sergeant Humphreys re-
plied that they were as great a
danger to the firer as to the person
fired at. They were rusty and one
of them had the trigger dismantled.
The Superintendent had been
consulted and he instructed the
officer to take the men before the
Magistrate to have the weapons
confiscated without any penalty
being imposed. They wanted to
make it known that junk masters
had to secure permits for such arms.

The defendants stated that they
had been given the weapons as
presents and had never fired them.
In ordering their confiscation,
His Worship remarked that they
were more like curios than any-
thing else.

BOY RISKS LIFE FOR CAT.

DARING CLIMB UP FORTY FEET POPLAR.

At the risk of his life a 17-year-
old youth named Leslie Wilson, of
Hamlet-road, Upper Norwood,
climbed to the top of a slender
poplar tree, 40ft. high, in Ken-
nington Churchyard, and rescued
a black cat.

The story of the rescue was told
by the Rev. Dr. Darlington, Vicar
of Kennington.

"I saw the cat at the top of the
tree in the evening," he said, "but
knowing that it would be unsafe for
anyone to climb, I did not feel in-
clined to suggest rescue. The cat
stayed up there all night.

"The following evening I was
astonished to see a young man
swaying at the top of the tree, and
attempting to get hold of the cat.

"He managed to get hold of the
animal, and holding it in his arms,
slowly came down the tree whilst
we who were watching him cheered.

"The lad was extraordinarily
modest. For a long time he refused
to give me his name, saying it was
all in the day's work."

Dr. Darlington added that Wilson
undoubtedly risked his life.

EUROPEAN MISSING.

WIRELESS OPERATOR ON THE "SEISTAN".

Richard Barnett, a wireless
operator on the s.s. Seistan, is
missing, according to a police re-
port issued this morning.

When the ship left here yester-
day for Amoy, it sailed without
Barnett, who had been absent
since Monday.

A description of the missing
man has been circulated amongst
the various stations.

NEW PLANET'S PATH WATCHED.

SENATE DEBATE ON DOUBTS OF EXISTENCE.

Washington, Apr. 2.
The new planet which was re-
cently discovered by the Lowell
Observatory in Arizona—was the
subject of a debate in the Senate
to-day. The debate was especially
in relation to the reports from
Europe and elsewhere reflecting
doubts of such a planet's existence.

Professor MacMillan, the astro-
nomer of Chicago University, said,
"About all we can say at present
is that something is there."

A resolution was moved that the
new planet be named Icarus. Of-
ficials of the Lowell Observatory
have issued a statement which
shows that the planet's course has
been followed closely, and its mo-
tion is continuously along the
trans-Neptunian path.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

NO INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA.

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carefully considered by the Foreign
Office. He declined to publish the
communications received from the
British Ambassador in Moscow.

Wrong Place for Discussion.
Lord Ponsonby, replying to Lords
Brentford, Buckmaster and New-
ton, said he did not question the
accuracy of the Prime Minister's
statement but if the question was to
be kept outside politics on the high
plane of pure religion, the House
of Lords was the wrong place to
discuss it.

The overwhelming proof de-
manded by Lord Parmoor was
evidence of what the newspapers
used to call "butchery". There was
no proof of that.

He doubted whether the debate
would do anything but harm. It
would be hotly resented by Rus-
sians indulging in damnable and
intolerant religious persecution,
but we must not give up any at-
tempt to understand the Soviet
system and character. The debate
then ended.—*Reuter and British
Wireless.*

SHANTUNG FACES BIG CRISIS.

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ment there is no reason why he
cannot utilise his strong army of
50,000 men, including two regi-
ments of artillery, to defend
Tsinanfu.

A Nanking decree appoints
General Han Fu-chu as Comm-
ander of the Nationalist defenders
in Shantung, to be assisted by
General Ma Hung-kwei.

For three days there has been
no news from Mukden regarding
the attitude of General Chang
Hsueh-liang. This morning,
Shanghai newspapers state that
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has re-
quested General Chang to dispatch
some of his north-western fleet of
gunboats to relieve Shantung.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING BY PLANE.

ENDURANCE FLIER HELD IN MEXICO.

New York, Apr. 2.
The aeroplane which was pre-
sented to Messrs. Mendell and
Reinhart after their re-fuelling en-
durance flight last year has been
confiscated, and Mendell, who was
in the plane, held in custody by
the Mexican Customs officials on
the border of lower California on
a charge of conspiring to smuggle
Japanese into the country by
means of an aeroplane.

Mendell was the chief pilot of
the plane which, in July last year,
established a new record by flying
continuously for 10 days 6 hours
44 minutes, easily beating the pre-
vious record of 7 days 6 hours 59
minutes.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NAVAL BASE.

MR. TOM SHAW MAKES A PROMISE.

London, Mar. 26.
In the House of Commons Rear-
Admiral T. Beamish, C.B., R.N.,
the Unionist member for Lewes,
asked a question with regard to
the instalments of the contribu-
tions by the Malay States and New
Zealand towards the cost of the
Singapore Naval Base.

Mr. Tom Shaw, the Secretary
for War, replied that there was no
intention on the Government's part
to receive the money without ful-
filling the obligations which
such acceptance involved.—*Strait
Times.*

PRAYA MYSTERY SOLVED.

JUNK FOKI WHO HANGED HIMSELF.

BODY LATER DUMPED.

The mystery surrounding the
discovery of the body of a Chinese
on the Praya yesterday which showed
marks of strangulation by a rope,
has been cleared up, the man having
committed suicide.

When the body was first found
in the road there was no evidence
to show whether the cause of death
was murder or suicide, but the au-
thorities, in the course of their sub-
sequent investigations, discovered
that the body was that of Tang
Chik, a junk foki, aged 48, who
committed suicide on board a con-
servancy junk, which was alongside
Jardine's Wharf, by hanging him-
self with a rope from the mast-
head.

The body was evidently later cut
down by some persons, and dumped
on the sea front at Kennedy
Town.

It is officially stated that four
men have been detained in con-
nexion with the dumping of the
body and will probably be charged
at the Central Magistracy in the
near future.

THIEF CAUGHT BY WIRELESS.

DETECTIVES HEAR EVERY SOUND.

An astonished night watchman,
pounced upon by detectives as he
was in the act of pilfering from his
employers, is probably wondering
"how it was done."

He had imagined himself alone in
the building, but for three hours
detectives in a small room under the
roof had been listening by wire-
less to his every sound.

They heard his footsteps, were
able to locate the exact spot where
he was and, at the right moment,
captured him.

A firm of cigarette manufacturers
in the East-end had been suffering
severe losses of stock totalling
hundreds of pounds. They were
unable to trace the leakage, and
enlisted the aid of the Marconiphone
Co.

An engineer, in the guise of a
telephone inspector, concealed three
microphones at strategic points,
and connected them to a sensitive
five-valve amplifier under the roof.
Here one night the detectives put
on headphones and settled down
for a long vigil. At first they heard
only the mysterious creakings and
whisperings which one seems to
hear in every building at dead of
night.

Then, close on 12 o'clock, the
sound of soft footsteps and rust-
ling paper came to their ears.

By switching to each microphone
in turn, the detectives were able
to locate the origin of the sound.

They crept downstairs and two
of the watchers confronted the man
as he came out from the back door
with hundreds of cigarettes under
his arm.

"JOURNEY'S END."

TO BE PLAYED HERE VERY SHORTLY.

Mr. R. W. Wingrove, represent-
ing "The Quints," Mr. R. B. Salis-
bury's well-known company,
arrived here to-day from Singa-
pore and India, where the Com-
pany has been breaking all
records, bringing the news that
"Journey's End," the famous war
play, is shortly to be staged in the
Colony.

This play, as is known, has
beaten all records and is at pre-
sent being played in practically
every capital of the world, in
seven different languages. In
bringing it to Hongkong, Mr.
Salisbury is giving us a rare treat,
which no-one should miss.

The season opens at the Star
Theatre, Kowloon, on the 11th
instant, and booking opens to-
morrow at Moutrie's and at the
Star Theatre.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR ENDING.

TO FLY FROM SUDAN TO CAIRO.

London, Apr. 2.
It is officially announced at
Cairo that the Prince of Wales
will arrive there from Sudan by
air on the 17th instant and will
embark on a P. & O. liner at Port
Said on the 20th.—*British Wire-
less.*

GENERALLY OVERCAST.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone is central to
the north of Japan. Pressure is
relatively low over Western China.
Moderating monsoon along the
coast of China and over the North
China Sea. The local forecast is:
East winds, fresh to moderate;
generally overcast.

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are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 1st April.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 21st April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1930.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godown where they will be examined on the 4th April, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe.

No claims will be admitted unless notified and/or application for survey made in writing within seven days after landing of the goods, or in any case before the goods are taken delivery of.

Claims will not be recoverable unless complete accounts are sent in within fourteen days of final discharge of vessel.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THORESEN & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1930.

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The Steamship
"ZOSMA"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 7th April, 1930, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th April, 1930, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN, General Agents.
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MARSHAL YEN IN
COMMAND.

HEAD OF FORCES OF
REPUBLIC.

Peking, Apr. 2.

A report received from Taiyuanfu yesterday states that the city was beflagged to celebrate Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's assumption of the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy and Air Forces of the Republic.

A circular telegram announcing the assumption by Yen Hsi-shan, declares that Chiang Kai-shek has seriously endangered the Kuomintang because of the bribery, brigandage and malpractices due to his dictatorship being attributed to the party.

Yen Hsi-shan says he announced his retirement on March 3, but Chiang Kai-shek thereupon commenced a punitive expedition on the 5th. Yen then waited for a score of days hoping that Chiang's conscience would induce him to amend his ways, but the soldiers and the people urged Yen Hsi-shan to take over the command of an expedition against Chiang.

Having taken the oath he calls on the entire nation to rise up and expel Chiang Kai-shek.

Recruits Gathering.

Large numbers of recruits from the outlying districts are arriving at Taiyuanfu daily. Large steel orders have been given to a German firm enabling the plant for the production of smokeless powder to be more than doubled. During the anti-Chiang demonstration on the 29th ult. the entire Shansi air force was employed to scatter leaflets.—*Reuter*.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

It is reported that Chiang Kai-shek has commissioned Chang Ting-yih to endeavour to effect a reconciliation between the Nationalist Government and Fu Tso-yi, the Tientsin garrison commander, whose troops are invading Shanghai.

Chiang Ting-yih left yesterday for Tientsin where he hopes to meet Fu Tso-yi.—*Reuter*.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN
AMERICA.

Washington, Apr. 2.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, told the Senate Committee appointed to enquire into unemployment in the United States, that the Government must provide for the unemployed, or they would "have a revolution."

They must choose, he said, between "better planning and the dole."

Mr. Green estimated that there were 3,700,000 workers unemployed in February.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CHINA AND CANADA.

A PROPOSED EXCHANGE
OF MINISTERS.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

A message from Nanking states that Sino-Canadian negotiations are reported to be proceeding for the mutual exchange of Ministers.—*Reuter*.

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"On the Banks of the Danube," (John Kurucz).

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"Underneath the Russian Moon—Waltz," (Henry Blossom-Victor Herbert).

"The One That I Love-Loves Me—Fox Trot," (Roy Turk-Fred R. Ahlert).

"One Alone," (Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd-Sigmund Romberg).

"When You're Away," (Henry Blossom-Victor Herbert).

"My Man—Fox Trot," (Channing Pollack-Maurice Yvain).

"I'd Rather Be Blue—Fox Trot," (Fred Fisher-Billy Rose).

"Afternoon of a Faun," (Claude Debussy).

"A Room with a View—Fox Trot," (Noel Coward).

"Dance Little Lady—Fox Trot," (Noel Coward).

"Button Up Your Overcoat" (Male)

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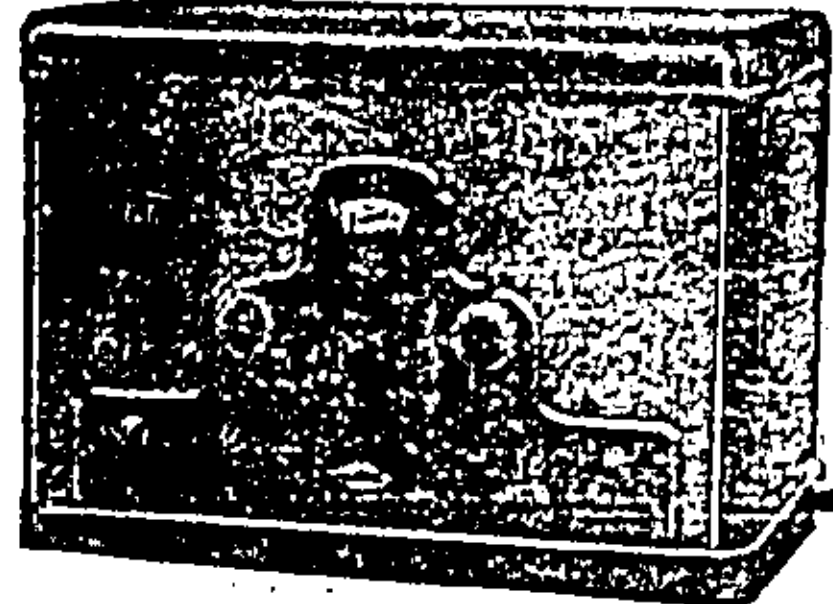
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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

The Crime: Doris Matthews, pretty English lady's maid, murdered Friday night in summer-house by blow on head from heavy perfume flask; body dumped into lake on estate of millionaire Berkeley.

Detectives: Bonnie Dundee, guest of Dick Berkeley at time of crime, and discoverer of body at sunrise swimming party; Captain Strawn of the Hamilton Homeless Squad; Members of Household: Mrs. George Berkeley, social climber; George Berkeley, opposed to his daughter's marriage to Seymour Crosby; New York society widow, under a cloud in the eyes of police, but a close friend of Mrs. Letitia Lambert; social secretary to Mrs. Berkeley.

Clorinda Berkeley: engaged to Crosby, but not in love with him; observed stealing out of house Friday night by Dundee.

Gigi Berkeley: 16, who unaccountably sprinkled all guests Friday night from flask of perfume presented by Crosby to her mother.

Dick Berkeley: drunk Friday night; infatuated with Doris; had forced her to agree to meet him later Friday night, and known by Dundee to have been missing from his room.

Wickett: butler, formerly in employ of both Mrs. Lambert and Crosby.

Eugene Arnold: chauffeur, engaged to Doris.

Clorinda and Dick are first suspects. Strawn sends Dundee to find if Dick is in his room.

CHAPTER IX.

As Dundee left himself into the house by the front door, hoping to evade the hysterical questions of the servants, who must have noted the arrival of the police cars, the door leading into the backstairs quarters was torn open and a young man in chauffeur's uniform lunged toward him, pausing only long enough to slam the door viciously in the face of a maid who was pressing forward inquisitively.

"Excuse me, sir!" the chauffeur panted. "But will you tell me what's up? What are the police doing here? Della, the upstairs maid, told me Doris didn't sleep in her room last night. It's true, is it? Nothing's happened to Doris? The police aren't here about her, are they, sir?"

He was almost sobbing, and one big, freckled hand kept running distractedly through his curly, dark-red hair.

When Dundee hesitated to answer, the chauffeur so far forgot himself as to seize the guest's arm and shake it frenziedly. "For God's sake, sir, why won't you tell me? I'm Arnold—Eugene Arnold, the Berkeley chauffeur, and I'm engaged to be married to Doris. I have a right to ask if anything's happened to her."

"I'm sorry, Arnold," Dundee said slowly, "but I can't speak for the police. Will you please wait as quietly as possible in the servants' sitting room until Captain Strawn calls for you? And I think it would be wise for you not to talk."

"Then it is Doris!" Arnold interrupted, his voice going heavy and dull with despair. Then apparently realization swept over him. His freckled, pleasant young face flamed with anger. "Did she clope with Dick Berkeley, sir? Is that what the row's about? For God's sake, tell me!"

"Sorry, but I'm afraid I can't tell you anything, Arnold," Dundee said quietly, and started up the stairs.

"Gone! With that drunken rotter!" Arnold groaned, and lurched blindly toward the back-hall door. But before he disappeared Dundee heard him vow, with terrible intensity: "I'll find him and kill him if I have to hunt all over the world for him!"

"A violent young man," Dundee commented wearily to himself, as he plodded upstairs.

He hoped to gain the third floor without further interruption, but as he reached the second Clorinda Berkeley stepped forward. She had changed from bathing suit to a morning dress of dark-green jersey, a colour which made her pallor quite ghastly.

"Why didn't you tell him that Doris had committed suicide?" she demanded coldly. "I imagine he would rather have had the news from you than from a policeman."

"Because I don't know that Doris committed suicide," Dundee answered, watching the beautiful, sombre face keenly.

"Don't quibble with me!" she retorted, in a low, arrogant voice. "Gigi confessed to me on the way to the house that she recognized the 'mermaid' in the lake, and I watched from my window as you dived for the body and took it into the summerhouse."

"Where is Gigi now? Why aren't you with her?" Dundee asked sharply.

"You don't like me, do you?" Clorinda asked, with amazing irrelevance. "So few people do!" Gigi preferred to be consoled by Mrs. Lambert, as I was busy being rather sick at my stomach. Doris was one of the few people who liked me, and—I was very fond of Doris. I can't imagine why she should commit suicide, unless—"

She broke off abruptly, and Dundee saw a flicker of quickly controlled fear in her magnificent black eyes.

"I'm rather anxious to get into my clothes," Dundee excused himself curtly. Not for him, in the

character of house guest in Clorinda Berkeley's home, to probe the meaning of that "unless."

"By the way, Miss Berkeley, do your father and mother know yet?" "No. I didn't fancy the task," Clorinda retorted coolly. "There's nothing Mother enjoys so much as a good fit of hysterics, and Father and I are not on confidential terms just now," she added, with bitter humour. "I see the police have arrived. They'll probably enjoy the sensation. I shouldn't."

Dundee proceeded up the stairs, grateful to Mrs. Lambert and Gigi for not bursting out upon him with questions he could not answer. Odd that Gigi should prefer Mrs. Lambert to her mother, though Dundee could not but be glad that it was the social secretary's gentle understanding which was now coping with the high-strung little girl's shocked nerves.

He went to his own room, thence, by way of the bathroom, to Dick Berkeley's. As he had expected and feared, the missing man had not returned. For the first time he tried the door leading into the hall. It was locked. Doubtless Dick had pocketed the key, to prevent his absence being discovered by anyone but Dundee, who had heard him make the rendezvous with Doris and who, he must have thought, could be depended upon not to give him away. But now, Dundee reflected grimly, it was no longer a question of shielding a friend engaged in an intrigue with a pretty servant. Doris Matthews had been murdered, and the hounds of the law would have to be set upon Dick Berkeley's trail.

Ten minutes later, decently clothed and sketchily shaved, Dundee sped down the backstairs and out of the house. A frightened cook and housemaid had peeped out at him, but he had given them no time to question him.

The machinery of the law had been set in motion during his absence. Captain Strawn and the coroner, Dr. Price, whom he had met during the investigation into the Rhodes House murders, were bending over the body of the dead girl, still stretched upon the curving bench of the summerhouse. The finger-print expert, Carraway, was already busy with his black powder and camera. Wickett, the butler, still stood outside the little arbor, but Seymour Crosby was missing from the gruesome picture. A knot of uniformed policemen and plain-clothes detectives stood on the lake's edge, awaiting instructions from the chief of the homicide squad.

"Dick Berkeley has not returned," Dundee reported to Strawn, in a voice so low that Wickett could not hear. "Since he's still in dinner clothes—they're in his closet—I don't think he could have got far without being noticed."

Strawn turned his back on the corpse, and jerked his head toward the immobile butler. "Got any reason to think the old boy's mixed up in this?" he whispered.

"None whatever," Dundee answered sincerely. "Then don't you think it might be a good idea to let him in on the secret of your official connexion with the police?" Strawn suggested. "If this thing isn't quickly cleared up by a confession from Dick Berkeley and develops into a first-class mystery, we'll need Wickett as an ally. No one knows as much about a family like this as its butler, and besides, he can keep the coast clear of other servants while you snoop around in the bedrooms and such."

"Just a minute, chief!" Dundee interrupted. "I agree with you that I might be of infinitely more value as a trusted guest, rather than as a detective, but—hang it all, I am a guest here, and I simply can't do it—snoop around in the bedrooms as you suggest—"

"Resigning from the force, because a friend of yours is mixed up in this, Dundee?" Strawn asked, a sneer twisting his broad, thin mouth.

"I don't think you mean that, Captain Strawn," Dundee answered quietly. "I want to be on the case, but I'd rather be open and above-board about it."

"And jeopardize your future usefulness on the homicide squad? Your uncle, the police commissioner, and I agreed after the Rhodes House murders that you could serve us best by not getting yourself tagged as what the people call a 'common detective.' With the education, and social advantages you've had you can move in circles not open to the rest of us—"

"I know the argument and I've been willing to be of service in any way possible," Dundee interrupted, "but in this instance I can't bring myself to abuse hospitality so flagrantly. There's another thing, too: as a guest, presumably under police surveillance as much as any other person in the house, I should have little

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chance to be of any real use to you. I couldn't be secreted behind screens while you were conducting your investigation, as I was at the Rhodes House, and not even Wickett's connivance could long cover my snooping from servants or members of the family. But if you want my official connexion with the homicide squad to be kept dark, I have a suggestion to make."

"Well?" Strawn growled. "Shoot! We've got to get busy." "You can give out that I am an amateur criminologist, engaged in research work preparatory to writing books on the subject—which is strictly true, by the way; that I have studied Scotland Yard methods and that I was able to render you valuable aid in solving the Rhodes House murders."

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NEW TERRITORIES EVANGELISATION.

WORK OF SOCIETY IS OUTLINED.

The good work being done by the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society was commented upon at the annual meeting, which was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. Horace Johnston. The chairman was supported by the Rev. H. R. Wells and the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling.

Lady members of the Society acted as hostesses, and tea was served prior to the meeting.

In the course of the annual report it was stated that the work of the Society was carried on faithfully and regularly throughout the year, which had been an eventful one.

The difficulty of finding funds led to the appointment of a finance committee, which made certain representations and apportioned responsibility for obtaining funds. The Chinese church felt that the effort to obtain the sum apportioned to it was beyond its power and from this grew proposals for management of the work which have been much discussed. It was accepted in principle that the Hongkong district of the Church of Christ in China should assume responsibility for the work, but that this Society representing the local Chinese and non-Chinese churches should continue its efforts to spread interest in the work and raise funds for its support.

At the end of January a sum of over one thousand dollars was required, but the funds show a balance of \$245.40 at the end of the year as against a balance of \$462.58 last year.

Various activities in the New Territories are detailed in the report. The evangelistic bands sent out by the Churches of Hongkong have done valuable work in many parts.

History of Society.

In proposing the adoption of the annual report, the chairman said:

It is now over a quarter of a century since the Hongkong Evangelisation Society was founded. It was founded as a joint effort in which Chinese and non-Chinese co-operated to carry the light of the Gospel to rural parts of the Colony. The field is wide. The leased Territories cover no less than 376 square miles, including 90 miles of islands, in which there are 600 and more villages, market towns, and floating population homes with a population of at least 100,000 souls. Into this region the Chinese have migrated at different periods from various quarters, so that many have different dialects.

In this wide field our mission is the only one of any magnitude. Would that it were ten times as large that it might adequately cope with this great task and accomplish more speedily its beneficent aims.

The report for 1929 is in your hands and it shows that our workers are still patiently plodding on, still faithfully pursuing the fires laid down from the beginning. They are doing pioneer Evangelism, a labour for the up-building of self-supporting congregations and self-supporting work among both young and old.

One or two items in this report deserve a word of emphasis from the chair. The sudden death of the Rev. F. C. Young removed from our ranks one who had endeared himself to Chinese and non-Chinese alike. He gave promise of being an enthusiastic supporter of our Society. The cause has also suffered a heavy loss in the death at a ripe age of Mr. Yu Pak-shing. He fought a good fight and has now received the Crown of victory.

A proposal has been before the committee along the lines being almost universally followed today. It is that the Hongkong District of the Church of Christ in China should assume responsibility for the work but that this Society, representing the local Chinese and non-Chinese Churches, should continue its efforts to spread interest in the work and raise funds for its support. There is an echo in the last sentence of the report which speaks of the opening year with hope and expectation. The work will receive a fresh impulse.

I also wish to allude to the fund raised by Mr. D. F. Warren, a Canadian Mission in Hongkong, and the happy results which followed its distribution in our mission stations.

Finally, let us join in the expressions of thanks which are found in the report, particularly those accorded to the various collectors.

In presenting the accounts, the Rev. Frank Short pointed out that the year was started with a balance of \$462.58 and ended with a balance of \$245.40. They

RIFLE LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF WEEK-END MATCHES.

Below will be found the results and details of matches fired in the Hongkong Rifle League on Saturday and Sunday last.

Stoncutters "E" were again successful, and would already appear to be certain winners of the League.

Stoncutters E.R.C. v Somerset L.I. R.C.

Fired at Stoncutters Range on Saturday.

Stoncutters E.		200	500	600	Total
		yds.	yds.	yds.	
Capt. Quinlan, R.M.	28	30	26	82	
P. O. Greening	31	29	23	83	
P. O. Markham	29	28	25	82	
S. P. O. Parsons	32	32	28	92	
Sgt. Madeline, R.M.	29	29	25	83	
Cpl. Warwick, R.M.	30	30	30	90	
Cpl. Burnett, R.M.	27	32	27	86	
Mne. Counter	28	28	28	84	
Totals	232	236	212	680	
Add 4% for open sights	23				
Grand Total	255				703

Aperture Sights.

Somerset L. I.		200	300	400	Total
		yds.	yds.	yds.	
Sgt. Harbour	26	32	27	85	
C.Q.M.S. Porter	30	32	28	90	
Capt. Gage Brown	28	28	24	78	
Sgt. Collett	26	31	30	87	
Sgt. Cloutman	29	28	27	84	
L/C Loxton	26	31	26	83	
L/C Padgett	25	25	24	74	
L/C Turnbull	26	23	23	72	
Totals	216	228	209	653	
Add 4% for open sights	26				
Grand Total	242				679

A TRIANGULAR MATCH.

Somerset L. I.		200	300	400	Total
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Sgt. Harbour	26	32	27	85	
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(N. & M.) Y.M.C.A.

P. O. Ward	22	28	31	81
L/S. Forrester	23	23	30	76
Pte. Jackson	23	23	25	71
A. B. Woodruff	26	30	24	80
Cpl. McKelvey	27	19	26	72
Pte. O'Reilly	25	29	29	83
Mne. Judd	29	31	27	87
Mne. Butcher	6	18	24	48
Totals	194	204	214	612
Add 4% for open sights	24			
Grand Total	218			636

H. M. Dockyard.

*Mr. Young	27	27	28	82
*Mr. Lakey	29	32	29	90
*Mr. Johnston	26	24	20	70
*Mr. Guest	29	26	30	85
*Mr. Gossett	26	27	28	81
*Mr. Ursell	17	23	20	60
*Mr. Pawcett	28	29	26	83
*Mr. Lewis	28	29	26	83
Totals	212	213	209	634
Add 4% for open sights	23			
Grand Total	235			657

Aperture Sights.

Taikoo v Somerset L.I.		200	300	400	Total
		yds.	yds.	yds.	
*Mr. Walmsley	31	31	28	90	
*Mr. MacIndoe	27	28	24	79	
*Mr. Swan	24	32	27	83	
*Mr. Cameron	21	27	19	67	
*Mr. Polson	25	31	26	82	
*Mr. Stainton	23	29	26	78	
*Mr. Amery	20	15	18	53	
*Mr. McLennan	33	33	31	97	
Totals	204	226	199	629	
Add 4% for open sights	23				
Grand Total	227				652

Somerset L.I.R.C.

Capt. Bakewell	30	22	26	78
Capt. Gage Brown	27	26	29	82
Sgt. Harbour	25	27	23	75
L/C Loxton	22	24	23	69
C.Q.M.S. Porter	24	25	24	73
Sgt. Collett	22	24	23	69
Sgt. Cloutman	21	31	17	69
L/C Turnbull	25	20	12	57
Totals	197	197	182	576
Add 4% for open sights	23			
Grand Total	220			599

Aperture Sights.

Taikoo R.C.		200	300	400	Total
		yds.	yds.	yds.	
*Mr. Walmsley	31	31	28	90	
*Mr. MacIndoe	27	28	24	79	
*Mr. Swan	24	32	27	83	
*Mr. Cameron	21	27	19	67	
*Mr. Polson	25	31	26	82	
*Mr. Stainton	23	29	26	78	
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were able to finish on the right side by reason of the arduous efforts of collectors and a donation from Hongkong Union Church of \$375, the result of a jumble sale. Also Kowloon Union Church raised \$313, being \$12 more than was allocated to them.

The report and statement of accounts were adopted. Afterwards a report on the New Territories Churches was given by the Rev. Lei Shu-kwai (Superintendent Pastor), an address was delivered by Mr. Tae Chap-ling, and Mr. D. F. Warren exhibited lantern slides which he explained, concerning the work of the Society.

The meeting closed with a hymn and the Benediction. The Rev. H. R. Wells and Mr. Fu Shi-ehi acted as interpreters, and music for the hymns was supplied by Mrs. Short at the piano.

THE LAWN TENNIS SEASON.

ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to be presented at the annual meeting to be held at the Hongkong C.C. on April 15 (at which league entries will be made) states: The Statement of Accounts shows a small Credit Balance of \$3.07 to be carried forward to 1930.

Receipts.—Entrance Fees for the 4 Divisions of the League amounting to \$360.00, and \$187.04 representing half the net profit from the French exhibition games, together with \$252.43 brought forward from the previous year comprise the total receipts of \$799.52.

Expenditure.—Disbursements in the sum of \$796.45, are \$570.26 in excess of the previous year which is accounted for by increases under all items of expenditure. Included in this is a loss of \$370.31, which was incurred in connection with the Shanghai Interport, and the sums of \$3.80 and \$50.00 respectively expended for Reference Books and a Desk for the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Actually the Expenditure of the year is in excess of income by an amount of \$249.41.

The League Teams.

Entries in the "A" "B" "C" and Mixed Doubles Divisions were 9, 11, 9 and 7 respectively.

"A" Division.—There were two additional teams namely, the South China Athletic Association and the Club de Recreo, and we hope that these two Clubs will repeat their entries in the Senior Division this forthcoming season.

"B" Division.—The Craigengower Cricket Club were unable to compete in this division but figured in the "C" Division. The same number of teams, however, were maintained as in the previous year due to the entry of the European Young Men's Christian Association. We feel that a step in the right direction was taken by this latter Club in playing for this Division, and considering that they have only recently acquired grounds, their position in the League table is one of which they can feel justifiably proud.

"C" Division.—Entries in this division fell from sixteen to nine. This was accounted for by the new ruling disallowing more than one team from any individual Club to enter in each division, thereby excluding the No. 2 teams of the Chinese Recreation Club and the Club de Recreo.

The following Clubs included in the 1929 list did not compete in this division:—Kowloon Cricket Club, Royal Army Medical Corps Sports Club, Kennedy Road Married Quarters Tennis Club, Nippon Club, European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, Filipino Club.

Whilst the following were new entries:—Royal Engineer and Signals Sports Club, Craigengower Cricket Club.

This Division is a "feeder" to the Senior Divisions, and we wish to urge all Clubs in the Colony who can see their way to participate to make every effort to enter. In the event of an excessive number of entries the formation of a new division may be considered to obviate an unwieldy programme of matches and a prolonged season.

Mixed Doubles Division.—We feel sure that this newly formed competition has come to stay. It affords the ladies an opportunity of playing against good players from other Clubs, which would not happen in the ordinary course.

Honours Divided.

The most notable feature of the season under review is that honours were divided, and we feel sure that the Chinese Recreation Club, who were conspicuous for their victories for many consecutive years, does not begrudge the successes of the other Clubs concerned.

We congratulate the Hongkong Cricket Club on their fine performance. Starting off by defeating the Chinese Recreation Club they finally annexed the "A" Division shield without the loss of a match. In the "B" Division the Chinese Recreation Club continued winning from where they left off the previous season and must be heartily congratulated on the continuance of their high standard of efficiency. The secret of their success undoubtedly lies in the rivalry between the pairs that constitute the team.

The "left-wing" of the Chinese Recreation Club, the South China Athletic Association, secured the "C" Division, and we congratulate them on their success. To the Kowloon Cricket Club is attributed the first honours of the Mixed Doubles League. They have emulated the example of their men's team of 1929 and are privileged to have the name of their Club inscribed as the first winners of the Mixed Doubles Shield. We congratulate them on their success.

"At Home"—Lady Clementi, Miss Kwok, Mr. M. K. Lo, and Miss Hancock very kindly officiated at the presentations to the Hongkong Cricket Club, the Chinese Recreation Club, the South China Athletic Association and Kowloon Cricket Club respectively.

At each of these functions the winners of the various divisions of the League engaged in matches against representative teams selected from the Rest of the League, and excepting in the "A" Division the Champions were the winners.

Interport Matches.

In November we were visited by a Shanghai Ladies' and Men's Team, and we congratulate our players on their victories over the Northern port. The ladies won by four matches to one, and the men by three matches to two.

Hongkong was represented by the following players: Ladies.—Mrs. Tottenham (Captain), Mrs. Miles, Mrs. James and Miss End Lo.

KOWLOON GOLF.

MEAD SHIELD CONTEST ON SUNDAY.

The competition for the Mead Shield among Kowloon C.C. golfers will be played, by kind permission of the Kowloon Golf Club, over the Kowloon City course on Sunday. No less than forty-two players have entered. The Mead Shield, it will be recalled, was played for regularly over the old King's Park course years ago, and it is good to see that an effort is being made to revive the competition. The draw for starting times is as follows:

9.15, E. C. Fincher v C. Bond.	
9.20, A. W. E. Davidson v F. E. Lawrence.	
9.25, E. S. Abraham v James Smith.	
9.30, A. Laughton v John S. Smith.	
9.35, Pooler v E. G. Sewell.	
9.40, L. Jeeves v A. Hyde-Lay.	
9.45, W. Goldenberg v E. R. Price.	
9.50, R. E. Lindsell v J. C. Lyal.	
9.55, E. Kern v S. J. Jordain.	
10.00, V. C. Labrum v A. L. Eastman.	
10.05, G. E. Labrum v W. Hyde.	
10.10, W. Borrowman v J. Jones.	
10.15, C. J. Roe v H. T. Burton.	
10.20, W. Brace v L. Elford.	
10.25, A. A. Dand v F. Goodwin.	
10.30, J. R. Way v S. J. Jer.	
10.35, H. Mundy v C. J. Tatchell.	
10.40, H. W. Page v A. W. Brown.	
10.45, J. Mackintosh v J. Linton.	
10.50, W. Harper v D. W. Gregory.	
10.55, B. Fetheram v H. Overy.	

PING-PONG MATCH.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CLUB v. FILIPINO CLUB.

A friendly game of ping-pong, in which the St. Patrick's Catholic Club were victorious, was played last evening at the Filipino Club.

The St. Patrick's Club, who were returning the visit paid by the Filipinos to their Club last Wednesday, won by 30 points. They were defeated at the previous meeting by 54 points.

Yesterday's scores were:		
St. Patrick's.	Filipino Club.	
Scooble	43	A. E. H. Castro 40
Sabin	27	R. Castro 40
Nuttall	33	L. Castro 34
Ribeiro	33	D. Leonard 32
Rocha	35	Rull 18
Wing Hang	42	Brown 19

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in their League matches over the week-end: Against H.K.C.C. 2nd XI (Saturday).—M. P. Madar (Capt.), H. T. Barma, Sirdar Khan, M. R. Abbas, P. M. el Arculli, A. R. Sufiad, A. S. Ismail, A. R. H. Esmail, J. S. Ackker, J. S. Ackker and D. Mohamed.

Men.—Mr. M. W. Lo (Captain), Mr. T. Honda, Mr. S. A. Rumjahn, Mr. H. D. Rumjahn, Major Lucas and Dr. R. Tottenham.

And the Shanghai players were: Ladies.—Mrs. Stafford-Smith (Captain), Miss Firth, Miss Crawford and Miss Collage.

Men.—Mr. J. L. Wade (Captain), Mr. G. Lum, Mr. P. Kong, and Mr. R. Carnavaro.

French Tennis Players. We had the good fortune to receive a visit in November from Messieurs Cochet, Brugnon, Rodet and Landry, who were on a world tour. Our best thanks are due to certain members of the Chinese Recreation Club who made themselves responsible for all arrangements in connexion with the exhibition games which took place on the C.R.C. ground. The visit was much appreciated by all tennis enthusiasts in the Colony.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Officials of the various Clubs for their kind assistance in carrying out the League fixtures satisfactorily; to the Committees of the Hongkong Cricket Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club and the United Services Recreation Club for the loan of their grounds, and for the assistance given by the Hon. Secretaries in connexion with the Interport Matches; to the Committee of the Chinese Recreation Club for the courtesies extended during the visit of the French Tennis Players and the Interport Matches; to the French Consul and to the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes for their kind co-operation which made it possible for us to witness the French Players in action; to the Anonymous donor of the

COLONY'S OPEN SPACES.

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These requirements do not admit of easy fulfilment and rule out the possibility of meeting the wishes of the Navy by the allocation of grounds at Aberdeen or on the Railway Reservation in Kowloon. The Caroline Hill site would meet Navy requirements but after a full discussion the Committee by a majority vote considered the area to be too valuable for a permanent reservation as a playing field and made the recommendation for its sale which is set out in paragraph 11 (u) of this report. The only recommendation which the Committee felt able to make on behalf of the Navy is that recommended in paragraph 18.

On the Mainland.

We find that to the immediate north and east of the Police Training School on the east side of the Tai Po Road and north of Prince Edward Road, and again on the west of the Tai Po Road in the same vicinity, there are tracts of already levelled Crown land together with a large expanse of hilly undeveloped land, marked on the Town Development Plan as a Park, extending along the east of the railway to the base of the foot-hills on the north. To serve the growing needs of the Sham Shui Po and Mong Kok districts we accordingly recommend that on the west of Tai Po Road the land bounded by the future Cheung Sha Wan Road, Boundary Street, Wu Chau Street and Wong Chuk Street, and on the east of the Tai Po Road the whole of the area behind the building frontages on Tai Po and Prince Edward Roads to the immediate north and east of the Police Training School together with the area covered by the Park and the hilly area to the immediate north of the Park, as marked on the plan which forms Appendix II, to this report, should be permanently reserved by Government as recreation grounds. Much of this land is hilly and undeveloped and can only be regarded as reservation for the future development of a Park area for this district. Parts however are already levelled and parts are now being levelled. We recommend that such areas as are at present suitable be at once made available for allocation by the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee. We further recommend that the possibility of utilizing the less developed area as a municipal golf course be explored as soon as the present levelling operations are finished. In this connection we considered a proposal for the formation of a miniature golf course but came to the conclusion that it was not likely to meet with popular support.

We find that at the east end of Argyle Street and extending south to Ma Tau Chung Road there is another area of already levelled Crown land. We have selected a suitable portion of this land, about 20 acres in extent marked on the plan which forms Appendix III and, leaving the building frontage available on Argyle Street and Ma Tau Chung Road, we recommend that Government should permanently reserve this area to serve as a playing field area for the Kowloon City district.

We recommend also that a small area should be reserved for allotment as a playing field behind the building frontage of Argyle Street and opposite the Kowloon Hospital on the site originally proposed for a cemetery but now abandoned for this purpose. The location of this area is shown in Appendix IV.

We notice that west of the Diocesan Boys School on the west side of the Railway and just by Yaumati Railway station there is a piece of land reserved on the Town Development Plan for a Railway yard. We understand that there is no immediate prospect of this land being required for Railway purposes and we recommend that so much of it as can be used as a playground should be made available for allotment on annual permit.

The More Distant Future.

In addition to the above mentioned areas, which might be made almost immediately available for use as playing fields on the south side of the Kowloon hills we consider that it is also necessary to bear in mind the needs of the more distant future when Kowloon will have grown into a large city with a teeming population requiring yet more extensive playing field areas. Such areas can only be found on the north of the Kowloon hills and the only possible area convenient of access both by rail and road appears to be afforded by the tidal flats at the head of Tide Cove. We understand that a causeway across the inlet from the present main road near Shatin Railway Station to the opposite shore is projected in connexion with the proposed Salkung Road. This would afford a convenient opportunity for re-

claiming the land above the causeway and while we do not consider that playing field areas are at present required here we strongly recommend that an area of 100 acres be definitely set apart for future playing fields and preserved from alienation. The area should have easy access from Shatin Railway Station and from the motor road. The area should be reserved on the development plans as soon as the exact line of the causeway is settled.

King's Park.

With regard to the possible extension of King's Park we note that there is still an area here on the west of that portion of the Park lying to the north of Gascoigne Road which if developed and levelled would afford space for an additional three grounds of the usual size required for a football ground. We recommend that Government should complete the development of this part of King's Park as public playing fields for the Yaumati district.

It was suggested to us that the large area in Kowloon at present reserved for cemeteries might be better devoted to an extension of the King's Park playing fields but we do not concur in this suggestion and recommend that this cemetery area should remain undisturbed.

Kowloon City Park.

We note that a large area extending from Kowloon Old City northwards and embracing the Kowloon Golf Club's course and the Rifle Range has been marked as permanently reserved for purposes of a Park and playing fields. We agree that this area should be permanently reserved but we regret that we cannot put forward any useful suggestions for its further development for purposes of recreation until a new site can be found elsewhere for the rifle ranges. We believe it would greatly benefit the recreational facilities in Kowloon if the rifle ranges were transferred and we recommend that Government should use every effort to provide a different location for them in some other part of the Colony.

Railway Reclamation.

With regard to the Railway reclamation land on the east of Chatham Road extending from Holt's Wharf to the junction of Gascoigne and Chatham Roads, we understand that portions of this land on the west of the line are at present allotted by the Railway Department with the approval of Government to various Clubs, but that the land on the east of the line with the exception of small portions at the north and south ends, the reservation of which for railway purposes is necessary, is vacant and is only occasionally used by the military as a parade ground or as a hockey field. We understand that there is no regular means of approach across the railway from the west side and that there are strong objections on the part of the Railway management to further levelled crossings over the railway or indeed to the use of this land on the east side at all unless it is fenced off from the railway by a high fence. If the area is to be regularly used as playing fields it will be necessary to approach it either from the sea by the erection of a landing stage, which in view of its exposed position would be a somewhat expensive proposition, or by access paths which might be constructed from the Holt's Wharf level-crossing along the side of the railway and from near the Chatham Road railway bridge. We understand further from the Railway Authorities that at least one year's tenure might be promised of any land that might be allotted to a Club here, and that there is every possibility that a Club would be allowed to retain such allotment for longer periods than a year though no guarantee could be given to that effect.

It is realised that the land is reserved for commercial development but there appears to be no prospect of such development in the immediate future and it seems desirable to make use meanwhile of this accessible flat land for purposes of recreation. We recommend therefore:

- That the whole of the available land on the railway reclamation on both sides of the railway, as shown on a plan furnished by the Manager of the Railway (see Appendix V) should be allotted through the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee annually to such Clubs as might wish to take up a ground there, subject to it being ascertained by the Committee each year before-hand from the Manager of the Railway that the land is still available for allotment.
- That Government should fence in the line, or make it a condition of allotment that Clubs should fence off their playing areas from the line at their own expense.
- That Government should provide means of access by

making a path either from Holt's Wharf level-crossing or from Chatham Road Railway Bridge or both.

K.C.C. Site.

We note that there is a part of the present allotment of the Kowloon Cricket Club at King's Park between the Club's bowling green and its cricket field which is unused. We understand that the Club has been keeping this area as a site for a new pavilion, but we consider that pending any such development good use could be made of the ground if it was allotted as a public playground for games requiring little space.

Smaller Open Spaces.
We recommend generally that Government should bear in mind the great importance of preserving in already developed areas and reserving in areas as yet undeveloped as many open spaces or small 'squares' as possible, where the old and young of either sex in the neighbourhood may take the air, and on some of which games such as volleyball and basketball requiring little space might be played by the vernacular schoolboys and other children of the neighbouring houses. We consider also that building land not yet sold or built upon, which we now find in many cases to be let out to market gardeners on temporary permits, might often be made available for purposes of such games pending its development, and we recommend that Government should facilitate the use of such land in this way.

Turning to particular small open spaces which we have noted as desirable reservations in the urban areas in Hongkong we recommend:

- the permanent reservation as a playground for the children of Vanchai of a plot of Crown Land on the Praya East Reclamation to the west of the Fire Station and between Inland Lot 2827 and Inland Lot 2815; see Appendix VI;
- that Government should take steps to obtain the use of Marine Lot No. 1, at Shaukwan, situated immediately to the east of Tai-koo Dock and at present unoccupied private property, to serve as a playground for the children of Shaukwan, this being the only suitable area for the purpose that we have been able to discover in this neighbourhood; and
- that Government should take measures to restore Blake Gardens, which are at present covered with the debris of the Po Hing Fong land slide, and that as much space as is possible should be left at this spot, above and below the site for the new Police station, to form a pleasant open space, which is essential in this congested area. We consider also that a portion of this ground might be assigned for the playing of games such as basketball and volleyball.

Open Spaces on the Mainland.

The matter of the preservation and the future provision of small open spaces on the mainland was carefully investigated by a sub-committee, whose report is annexed (Appendix VII). Having considered the sub-committee's report and made further enquiries into the practicability of its suggestions we have decided to make the following recommendations:

- That all the open spaces already marked out on the Town Development Plan for Kowloon should be permanently reserved as such.
 - That in addition the following further areas should be reserved, subject to acquisition without undue expense where the land is not already public property:
- In the district south of Austin Road:
 - The triangular space bounded by Humphreys Buildings, Cameron Buildings and Empress Lodge.
 - A small portion of the Chater Bungalow site at the junction of Austin Road and Austin Avenue behind the building frontage to serve as a playground for small children.
 - In the Yaumati-Mong Kok district:
 - An area at the corner of Wai Ching and Saigon Streets of about 6,000 square feet in extent, provided that the land is available for purchase at a reasonable price.
 - The area bounded by Canton Road, Battery and Public Square Streets, or if this is required for a new Kowloon Magistracy Building, the site of the present Magistracy Building.
 - The small square bounded at present by Waterloo Road, Reclamation Street, Shanghai Street and the continuation of Sherkung Street.

With regard to Ho Mun Tin residential district we recommend

that Government should invite the attention of the Botanical and Forestry Department to the desirability of tidying up the small square here and arranging seats at the base of the railway embankment.

We have observed that there is a small piece of unused ground to the south of Prince Edward Road and immediately to the east of the railway bridge. We recommend that this should be allotted for the playing of games requiring little space.

Allotment.

Throughout our enquiries we have avoided consideration of any questions in regard to the present or future allotment of grounds to individual clubs and have confined ourselves to the recommendation of suitable areas for reservation, leaving matters of detailed allocation to the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee, which might allot the new grounds to such clubs as would be willing to develop them and put them in order for play, as we realize that Government is not likely to be able to provide funds to lay out and turf the whole of these grounds for a very long time.

With regard to tenure however it has been strongly urged upon us that the system of annual allocation renders the tenure of the areas so insecure that Clubs are naturally disinclined to incur large expenditure on improvements. The development of the new areas suggested in this report should reduce the necessity for restricting the rights of a club to a very short tenure and we consider that it would be in the interests of the recreation facilities of the Colony that Clubs should be granted sufficiently long tenure to make it worth their while to develop their grounds and put permanent buildings upon them, such questions of length of tenure etc., to be settled in each case on the advice of the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee. At the same time we consider that parts of the new areas should be preserved as public playgrounds unallotted to any particular interests and free to all to come and play on.

We consider that generally speaking the allotment of all public playing fields and such open spaces as it might be desirable to use for games and such Crown Land as might be temporarily made available for games should be in the discretion of the Recreation Grounds Committee, subject to the approval of Government, and that it would be much in the interest of all concerned if the annual meeting of this Committee for the purpose of making allotments could take place in March rather than later in the year.

We have only one other recommendation to add on this subject and that is that the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee should give due consideration to the claims of Vernacular Schools for allotments on applications by such schools through the Director of Education.

Public Tennis Courts.

It has been represented to us that there is a numerous class of persons in the Colony, composed of various races, who, having little time or means of obtaining other out-door exercise are anxious to play lawn tennis and yet are prevented by one reason or another from joining tennis clubs, that such people would gladly avail themselves of any public facilities for the game that might be provided, and that the cost of making, supervising, and maintaining a few 'hard' tennis courts would be a very small item of Government special and recurrent expenditure, while it would benefit a large number of people. It has been suggested to us that a beginning might be made with three such courts on the south end of area P at King's Park, which is at present allotted but unused except as a public football ground, and with another three courts on some of the ground recommended for use as playing fields in the neighbourhood of Prince Edward Road. A memorandum on this subject by Mr. E. Cock forms Appendix VIII to this report.

We recommend that Government should endeavour to give effect to this proposal and establish public 'hard' tennis courts on these lines. It is suggested that the courts might be looked after by that branch of the Public Works Department which at present looks after the public bathing beaches and that the open tennis season should coincide with closed season for bathing.

Playgrounds Association.

It has been represented to us that certain small open spaces both in Hongkong and on the Mainland might be used with great benefit to the localities in which they are situated if they were devoted to organized games like volleyball and basketball. We understand that for 16 years a small plot of ground at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridges Street has been so used for organized games under Y.M.C.A. supervision to the great advantage of over

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CYCLE.

CORONER HOLDS INQUIRY INTO GIRL'S DEATH.

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded by a Coroner's jury which sat with Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, to inquire into the circumstances of the death of an eight-year-old girl, who was knocked down by a motor cycle ridden by Mr. James McCutcheon, of the Laichikok Prison, at Castle Peak on February 21.

A young girl, who was with the deceased, said that they were returning to Castle Peak from the direction of Un Long on the afternoon of February 21 when the deceased, who was walking a short distance behind witness, was knocked down by a motor cycle which 'came dashing up from behind.' Witness mentioned that she had just turned round to see if the deceased was following when the accident occurred.

Mr. McCutcheon stated that on nearing the P.W.D. workshop on the Castle Peak Road, between Castle Peak and Un Long, he saw the small girl. Witness was abreast of her when she ran out from the left and was struck on the head by the left handle bar. The girl was knocked down and witness thrown off. The girl had run out too quickly for witness to do anything. The cycle was travelling at about 25 miles an hour.

Dr. J. E. Dovey certified the cause of death to be fracture of the base of the skull, shock and concussion.

The driver of a Chung Mei Motor Bus which was a short distance ahead and travelling towards Un Long at the time of the accident corroborated what Mr. McCutcheon had said.

In his directions to the jury the Coroner remarked that the evidence proved fairly clearly that the unfortunate girl ran out from the side of the road. He thought that the jury could not bring in a verdict other than one of death by misadventure.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict of death by misadventure. Throughout the hearing, the mother of the deceased asked the Coroner to have pity on her and assist her financially as she was a widow with several small children. After the jury had returned their verdict the Coroner pointed out to the woman that she had no legal claims against Mr. McCutcheon but said that Mr. McCutcheon might like to get up a subscription list. He intimated that he himself would be willing to make a small contribution while there would probably be others who would also make a small donation towards the support of the woman.

A JAPANESE FERRY DISASTER.

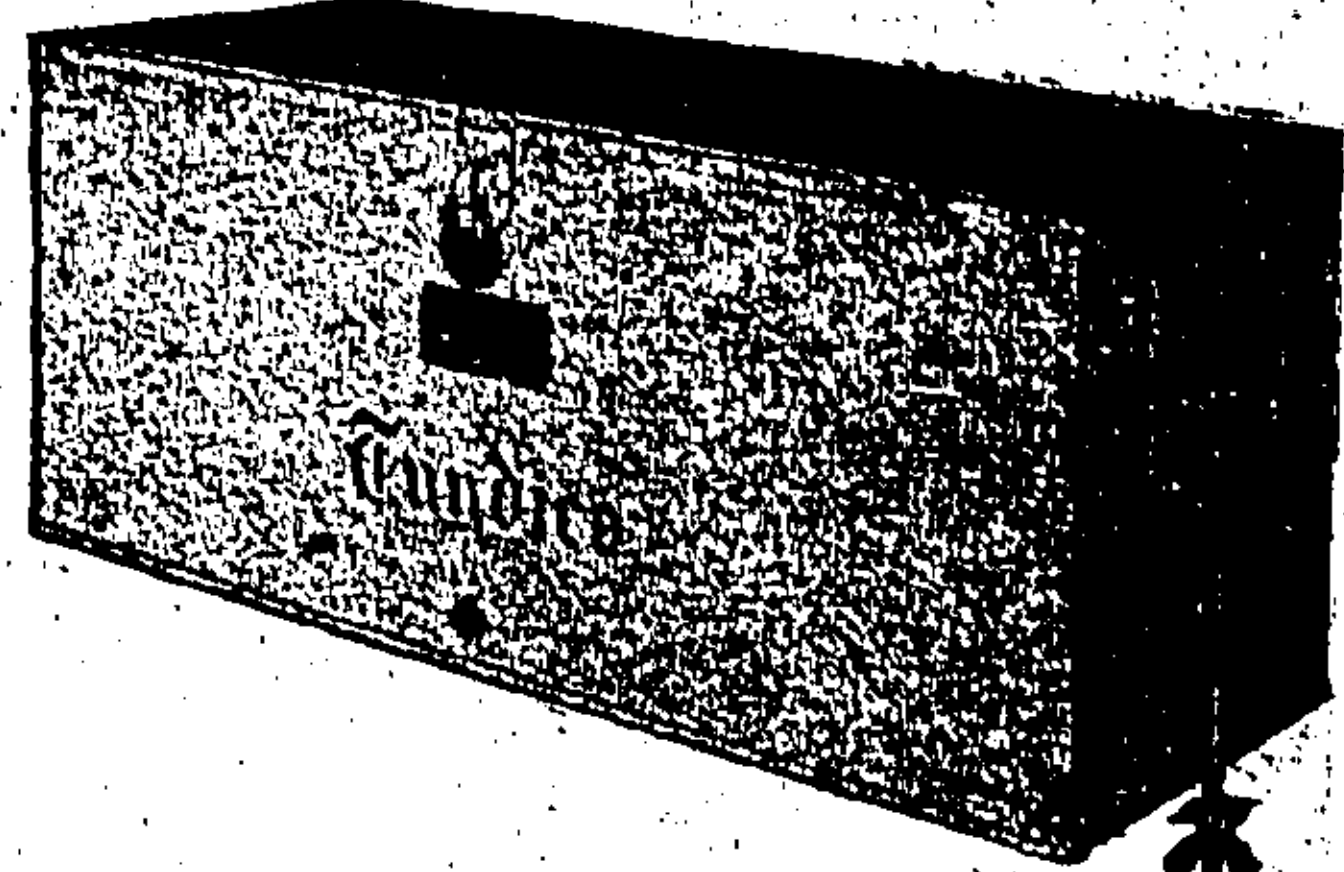
OVER HUNDRED PERSONS BELIEVED DROWNED.

Tokyo, Apr. 2.
Over a hundred persons are believed to have been drowned as a result of the capsizing of a ferry boat, the Wakato Maru, carrying three hundred passengers from Wakamatsu, in northern Kyushu, to Tobata.

The disaster was apparently due to overcrowding and high seas.—*Router.*

1,000 boys from 10 to 15 schools in the neighbourhood at a comparatively small cost, and that other small schools have followed suit on small plots near their school premises. We understand from Mr. J. L. McPherson the Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. that if further ground were made available this movement might be extended for the benefit of other school boys and street boys. Mr. McPherson pointed out however that some central organization would be necessary to collect funds for the provision of equipment, to organize and supervise the games and to see that all children had a fair share in the use of the grounds. He suggested that an Association might be formed for this purpose to be called the 'Small Playing Grounds Association' to which any available grounds could be allotted by the Recreation Grounds Committee. This Association could employ a Supervisor of Play assisted by volunteer help which we have reason to think would be forthcoming.

Plans of various areas, a report of the Kowloon Sub-Committee, a memorandum regarding public tennis courts by Mr. E. Cock and a suggestion for the use of small areas in Hongkong as playgrounds are also given.



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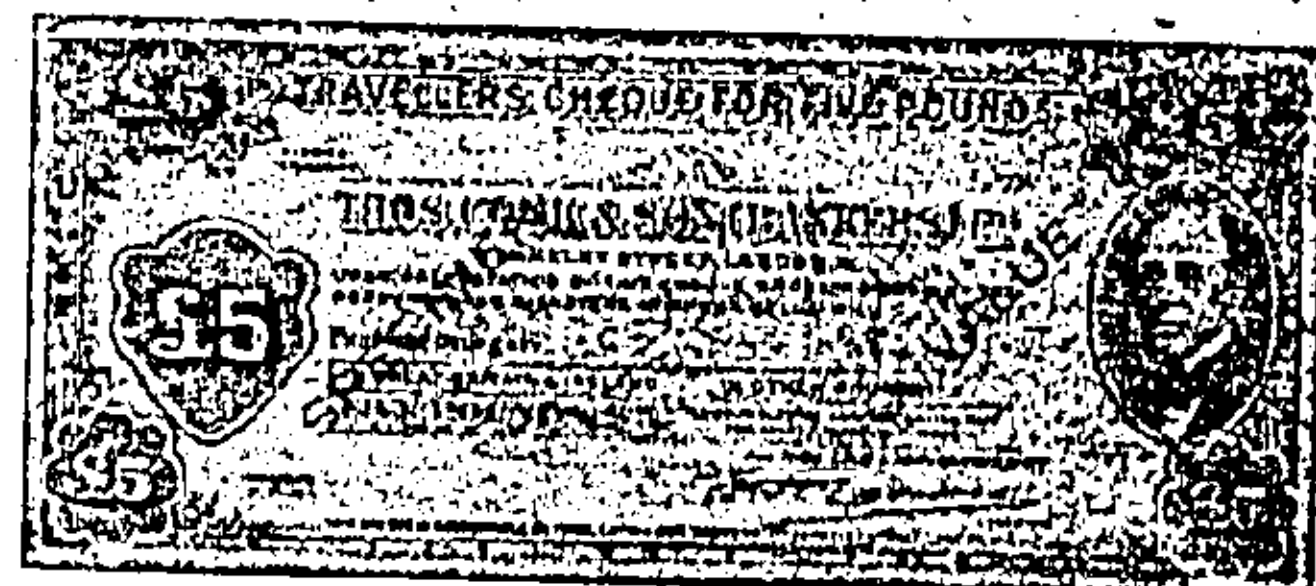
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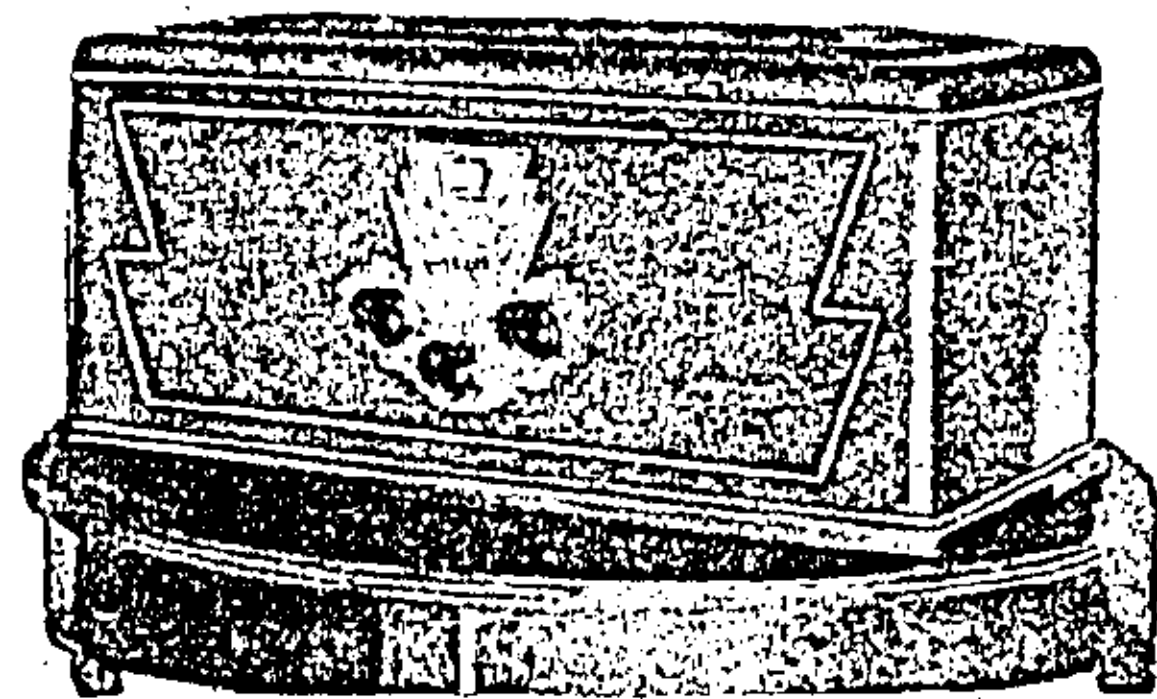
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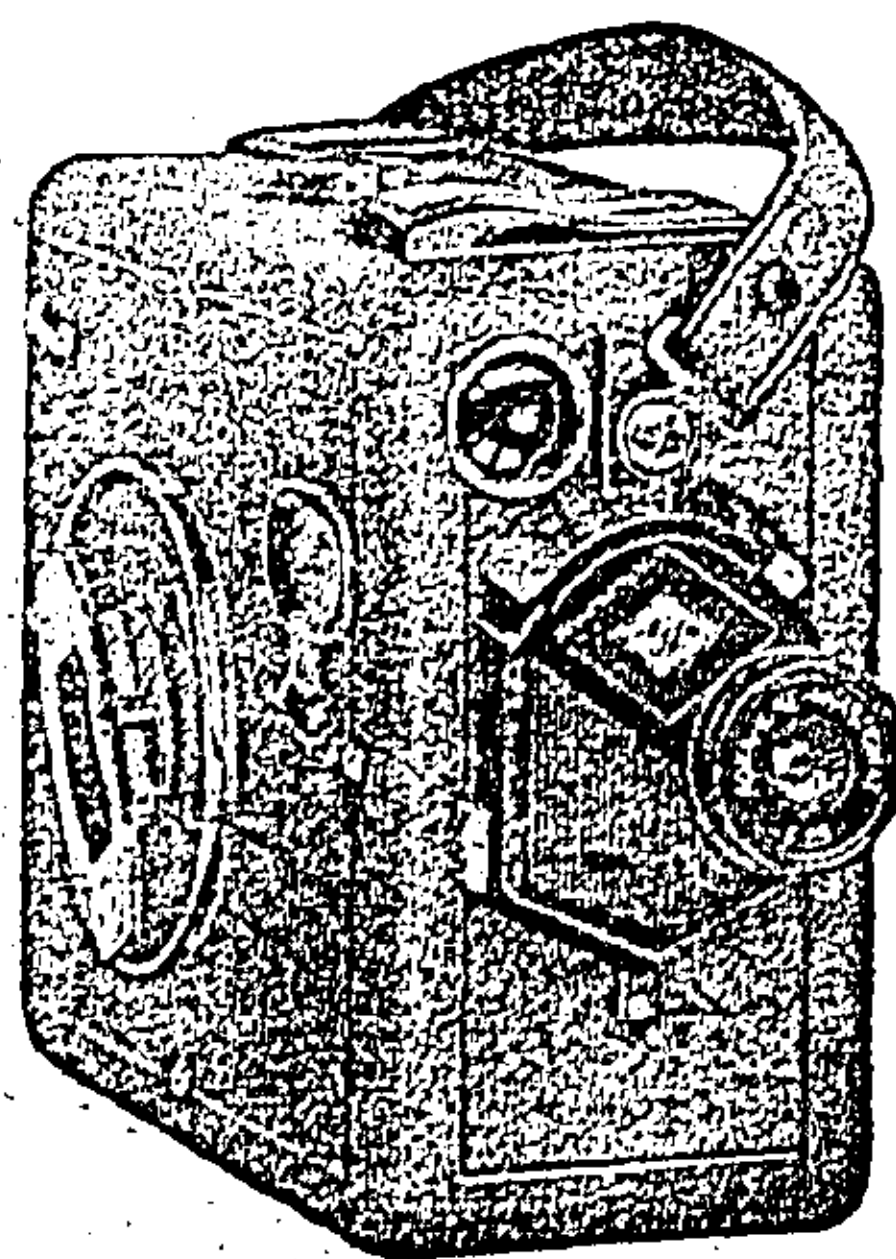


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TENNIS TOURNEY.

S. A. RUMJAHN DEFEATS HIS BROTHER.

S. A. Rumjahn more than upheld the high reputation he holds in the Far East as a tennis player of the first rank, when he met and defeated his brother, C. A. L. Rumjahn, in the fourth round of the Singles Championship yesterday, the former holder of the title giving a remarkable display of all-round tennis.

Not before in the current tournament has his driving been so spectacular or his technique so admirable. For the most part he dominated the play and rang the changes in such a manner as to leave his opponent bewildered. That he won in straight sets testifies to the complete dominance he attained. His anticipation and judgment were unerring in their accuracy, whilst he continually whipped out a forehand drive which secured for him many "ace" points. Overhead he was equally as brilliant, and it was his superiority in this stroke that was the chief means of his success.

Frankly, C. A. L. Rumjahn, who is the holder of the Tientsin Championship title, disappointed. He was fully expected to take the issue to five sets, but, after losing the first set, went all to pieces and scarcely did anything right. His top-spin drives, which have proved such a big asset, deserted him, and he was surprisingly weak overhead. He was seen at his best in the first set, when he often gave glimpses of what he was really capable of doing, but the fact that his fierce attack failed to penetrate the rock defence of his brother appeared to take all the sting out of his subsequent play, and in the closing stages, he was but a shadow of his usual self.

The rallies were played at a terrific pace, volleys, drives and chop strokes following in quick succession, and the spectators were not slow in showing their appreciation of the play. Both contestants ignored any sort of safety tactics, and their three sets, played off without a break, provided some of the best tennis ever seen in Hongkong.

For the third time of asking, M. W. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung failed to come to a decision in their third round tie, the replay being left with the players sharing four sets. They will occupy the stand court this afternoon at 3 p.m. in an endeavour to finish the tie off. M. W. Lo will be advised to abandon his safety tactics and to adopt his usual style, if he is to win through to the fourth round.

Yesterday's results in detail were as follows:

Open Championship Singles. (fourth round)—S. A. Rumjahn beat C. A. L. Rumjahn, 8-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Club Championship (third round).—P. A. Redmond beat A. H. Johnson, 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A".—Dean Swann beat I. S. Harris, 7-5, 6-2. L. Forster beat D. M. Macdougall, 6-4, 7-5.

To-day's Programme.

Open Championship Singles. (third round replay)—M. W. Lo v Ng Sze-cheung. (Stand Court at 3 p.m.)

Handicap Singles "A".—(third round).—Capt. E. C. Etherington v H. Owen Hughes.

Handicap Singles "B". (third round).—G. E. R. Divett v Dr. C. H. Burton.

Handicap Doubles. (third round).—A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer v E. R. and T. J. Price. Dean Swann and J. Forster v T. C. Monaghan and N. L. H. Railton.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

FIVE SECOND DIVISION MATCHES.

Five Second Division matches were played in the Hongkong Football League yesterday afternoon, the results being as under.

Navy	10 St. Joseph's	0
Athletic "A"	3 R.A.	0
Ewo	3 University	0
Eastern	2 H.K.F.C.	1
Somersets	4 S. China "A"	0

The senior game between Recreation and Police was not played. The referee, P. O. Critchett, turned up, but not a single player from either team arrived. For the third Wednesday in succession, the game arranged with the Recreation has been called off.

The Navy had a runaway victory over St. Joseph's on the Athletic ground at Happy Valley. Potts (2) and Wyatt scored in the first half, whilst in second Wyatt put on four more, Goodall two, and Gould one, St. Joseph's making no response.

The R.A. lost by three to nil against Athletic "A" at the Stadium. The first half was

ROWLES TO MEET MARINE SMITH.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY.

BOXING PROGRAMME.

A. B. Rowles of H.M.S. Marazion and Marine Smith of the Hermes are to be matched for the heavy-weight championship of the Colony and belt at the last boxing tournament of the season which is to be held at the City Hall on Saturday, April 12.

The contest is scheduled for fifteen rounds and is naturally the prime attraction on a very good programme.

Marine Smith has finished all his last four fights in the first round and it will be recalled that he defeated Kid Andre in Shanghai recently. He is a fine boxer and will find a worthy opponent in A. B. Rowles, who is considered to be one of the best light heavyweights turned out from the Navy for many years.

In addition, the programme for the Boxing Association's final tournament will include six other contests. Marine Fraser (Tamar) and A. B. Lee (Sepoy) are matched for a ten round middleweight contest and this should prove another highly attractive feature of the programme.

Another middleweight fight will be that between Marine Woolford (Hermes) and A. B. Tuck (Sepoy), this being scheduled for six rounds. The six round welterweight contest will be between Private Jones of the Somerset Light Infantry and A. B. Burrows of H.M.S. Sirdar.

A. B. Harvey (Stormcloud) will be opposed to O. S. Scott (Hermes) in a six round lightweight contest, while A. B. Rawlings (Hermes) and Private Pearce of the Somerset Light Infantry are to meet in a six round bantamweight bout.

The remaining fight will be at the featherweight between A. B. Odell (Hermes) and Corporal Sherston, who was seen in action at the last tournament. Sherston is in the Somerset Light Infantry.

The Association is to be congratulated on arranging such attractive bouts and the tournament promises to give a fitting finale to the season.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS FOR TARANTULA.

Shameen, Apr. 2.
 H. M. S. Tarantula defeated H.M.S. Seamew by 4 goals to 1 in the semi-final of the Watson Shield yesterday afternoon.

The result was rather surprising in view of the fact that the Seamew team was considered the probable winner of the Shield. The Seamew have previously defeated the "Tula" in the Shameen Football League and only on one occasion they played a match which resulted in a draw.

However, the win yesterday for the Tarantula proved most popular and extremely satisfactory. The "Tula" have been concentrating during the last two weeks on getting fit for this match, and in yesterday's game they entirely outplayed their opponents. The combination of the Tarantula team was extremely good and they proved too good for the Seamew both in the defence and in the attack.

The Tarantula have reached the semi-final after a walk-over from the Shameen Football Team, who were unable to field a team, and by defeating the Seamew, who drew a bye in the first round.

The final will be played off on Saturday on the Shameen Football field between H.M.S. Tarantula and H.M.S. Moorhen.

H.M.S. Moorhen have reached the semi-final by defeating H.M.S. Moth in the first round by 1 goal to nil, and H.M.S. Cicala in the second round by 2 goals to 1, H.M.S. Cicala having drawn a bye in the first round.—Our Own Correspondent.

blank, but in the second goals were put on by Chow Yim-ching, Leung Tai-wing and Shek Piu-tim.

University and Ewo met at Caroline Hill, the former leading at half-time by two to one, Kam Sik-wai scoring twice for Ewo and Wong replying for the University. In the second half, Fung King-yu added a goal for Ewo.

At the Navy Ground, Happy Valley, Eastern defeated the Club by two clear goals, Sabhan scoring in the first half and Leung Yung-hung in the second.

The Somersets easily won against South China "A" at Soekunpoo, the latter fielding a weak side. The soldiers scored twice in each half without reply.

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ALL-CHINA SPORTS MEETING.

HONGKONG STUDENTS' FINE DISPLAY.

Hongchow, Apr. 1.
 Over ten thousand people, including the President of the National Government, Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. T. V. Soong, and many prominent Nanking officials attended the All-China Sports Meeting here this morning at nine o'clock. Mr. Tai Chi-tao, State Councillor and President of the Nanking Examination Yuan and concurrently Chancellor of the Canton Sun Yat-sen University, being in the Chair.

The opening ceremony was marked by a number of speeches delivered by the Chairman and the representatives of the National Government and Kuomintang Party.

The meeting was held in fine weather, while it is understood that there were three thousand competitors representing twenty-two Provinces in China Proper and Manchuria, and contestants from Hongkong, Tokyo, Canton, Swatow, Amoy and other ports. There were over three thousand competitors of both sexes and it was easily the biggest sports meeting held under the auspices of the Chinese Government.

A number of heats in the 100 metres and 400 metres races were run in the afternoon, in which it is interesting to note that three Hongkong boys figured prominently. The three successful candidates included Mr. Lee Hah-leong, of the Hongkong University, who was second in the Second Group of the 100 metres heat, being beaten by a very short margin by a representative from Mukden. It will be remembered that Mr. Lee Hah-leong captured the Championship Cup at the Hongkong University Annual Sports Meeting, on March 22.

A St. Paul's Student.
 In the 100 metres heats (group 4) Chan King-chor, a student of the St. Paul's College, was third, whilst in a heat for the 400 metres he came home an easy winner, beating the representatives from Shanghai and Mukden. It is understood that at the Annual Sports Meeting of the St. Paul's College, held on March 20, Chan King-chor broke the 100 yards record of his College in addition to winning the prize for the Senior Championship.

Another competitor from Hongkong to gain a first place was Cheung Koon-sang, who came in first in the Seventh group of the 100 metres, besting competitors from Harbin and Mukden. The times recorded were considered very good, the best for the 100 metres being 11.3/5 secs., and the best for the 400 metres being 55 seconds.

The Heats for the Girls 50 Metres were run in eight groups in which some Cantonese girls were amongst the prominent candidates. The times returned ranged between 7.1/6 to 8 seconds.

The first day's competitions came to a conclusion late in the afternoon, when the officers of the meeting accompanied Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-shek to greet some of the competitors and inspect the football and basketball grounds.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has signified his intention to donate \$10,000 from the Nanking Treasury towards the organisation of the meeting. In the evening, Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-shek gave a special banquet at the Hangchow Government House, near the famous West Lake, when hundreds of sportsmen from various Provinces were entertained, including the Hongkong and Canton representatives.

The following will represent the Indian R.C. 1st XI in a league match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday on the L.R.C. ground at 2 p.m.:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), J. S. A. Curreen, A. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. M. Rumjahn, C. F. Doodha and B. R. Irani.

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS



CHILD DARINGLY
KIDNAPPED.SNATCHED AWAY FROM BLIND
MOTHER.

HEARTLESS ACTION.

Kidnappers, in stealing the 3-year-old son of Cheng Mui, a blind widow living at Mongkok, profited from her helpless condition to resort to a most heartless trick.

She was sitting on the kerb at Canton Road, opposite the market, yesterday when she felt her little son being lifted from her lap.

It was usual for her to be accompanied abroad by her 13-year-old daughter. Consequently, she felt no misgiving at the time, thinking that it was her daughter who had taken over the charge of the child.

She did not, however, know that her daughter had, earlier on, left her side and was not with her when the child was stolen. When the girl returned some ten minutes later, the truth was realised by the blind woman.

The police, to whom the woman took her complaint, are exerting every effort to trace the missing child and its kidnappers.

Sale of Girl.

The traffic in children still engages official attention, a case being mentioned before Mr. Grant, ham at the Central Police Court today, in which Man Cheung, a woman living at Elgin Street, is charged with a crime under the Offences Against the Person Ordinance.

She is charged under Section 45 (A) of the law, with taking part in a transaction "of which the object was to transfer the possession, custody and control of Leung Ling, a 13-year-old girl for a consideration."

The amount which the woman is alleged to have paid for the child, "with the view to sale" to another person, was \$112.

For the police, Sub-Inspector J. Murphy stated that the woman had made a statement practically admitting her part in the transaction. She also produced a document proving the purchase.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday morning, when Mr. H. R. Butters will be appearing for the Secretary of Chinese Affairs. It is stated that the girl has been recovered by the police and is now being taken care of by the authorities of the Po Leung Kuk.

SEGRAVE BUYS 300
M.P.H. PLANE.NEW THRILLS FOR AIR
PASSENGERS.

A monoplane with, it is believed an estimated speed of between 200 and 300 miles an hour is being built for Sir Henry Segrave, the famous motorist, who holds the world's land speed record of 281 miles an hour.

Great secrecy is being maintained about the machine, but it is understood that it has been designed for fast travelling and that if the tests, prove satisfactory, it will be manufactured commercially.

Not A "Freak."

The monoplane is being built at Cowes, at the works of Messrs. Saunders-Roe. Although beautifully streamlined and reminiscent of the famous Supermarine craft which roared to victory in the Schneider Trophy Contest last year, Sir Henry's machine will not be a "speed freak." It will, for instance, have a low landing speed to allow of its use by normally experienced pilots.

Sir Henry Segrave told a representative of *The Daily Chronicle* that he could reveal no constructional details of the machine until after its tests.

"It is quite incorrect yet to say that I am going in for aerial racing," he added. "The machine is entirely a commercial proposition."

Although speeds considerably higher than 250 miles an hour have been reached by special racing craft, no commercial aeroplane has yet been produced with such a speed.

KOREA MARU ON
ANOTHER RUN.TRANSFERRED TO HONG-
KONG-SEATTLE SERVICE.

Arriving here from America, Japan and Shanghai yesterday afternoon, the N. Y. K. liner Korea Maru completed her last trip on the Hongkong-San Francisco service and, after reconditioning, will be put on the Hongkong-Seattle run.

She commenced discharging cargo immediately on berthing at Kowloon Wharf, yesterday and will return to Japan via Shanghai to-day, leaving here at 2 p.m.

At Osaka where she will go into dry-dock, the Korea Maru will be fitted with tourist cabins, similar to those on the Siberia Maru. Opportunity will also be taken to give the steamer a thorough overhaul and she is expected to remain in dock for about two months.

She is due to sail for Seattle from Yokohama on June 14.

HOME FOOTBALL
MATCHES.PLYMOUTH AT THE TOP OF
THE SOUTHERN SECTION.

ARSENAL GO DOWN.

Plymouth displace Brentford at the top of the Southern Section of the Third Division of the English football league by virtue of their victory at Brighton yesterday.

Plymouth are now one point ahead of Brentford and still have a match in hand.

In the other postponed matches, Liverpool scored a creditable victory when they beat the Arsenal on the latter's ground. Results of yesterday's matches, as cabled by Reuter, are given below, together with revised League tables.

Newcastle 1 Birmingham 1

Aston Villa 4 Grimsby 1

Arsenal 0 Liverpool 1

FIRST DIVISION TABLE.

Wednesday	31	19	6	80	40	44
Manchester	32	18	7	10	80	43
Derby	35	18	7	10	71	40
Aston Villa	35	18	4	13	79	40
Liverpool	36	16	8	12	60	40
Blackburn	36	16	6	14	89	38
Huddersfield	35	16	6	13	56	38
Leeds	34	16	4	14	63	36
Leicester	36	15	6	15	69	36
West Ham	36	15	6	16	74	36
Bolton	36	14	7	15	64	34
Birmingham	35	13	8	14	60	34
Sheffield U.	34	13	8	13	55	34
Sheffield W.	36	14	5	17	77	33
Sunderland	33	13	7	13	55	33
Arsenal	33	13	6	15	57	32
Burnley	37	12	8	17	68	32
Middlesbrough	35	14	3	18	71	31
Manchester U.	35	13	5	17	55	31
Newcastle	34	12	4	18	62	28
Everton	35	8	10	17	59	26
Grimsby	35	10	6	19	61	26

SOUTHERN SECTION TABLE.

Torquay	34	23	8	3	78	30	54
Brighton	35	24	5	6	83	44	53
Brentford	35	19	7	9	76	45	45
Northampton	34	19	4	11	62	41	42
Queens P.R.	35	16	9	10	63	44	41
Southend	34	15	12	8	60	40	40
Fulham	35	15	9	11	71	39	39
Reading	34	13	12	9	57	47	38
Coventry	32	17	3	12	71	58	37
Crystal Palace	35	14	9	12	65	63	37
Luton	35	13	9	13	65	60	35
Clapton O.	35	10	12	13	37	51	32
Exeter	35	11	9	15	56	55	31
Swindon	35	10	11	14	57	64	31
Walsall	35	10	8	17	43	64	28
Newport	34	9	9	16	56	69	27
Walsley	33	10	6	17	54	65	26
Torquay	34	8	18	51	74	24	24
Bristol R.	33	8	5	20	54	80	21
Gillingham	35	7	6	22	35	75	20
Merthyr	33	8	22	41	101	14	14

Hartlepool 3 York 1

NORTHERN SECTION TABLE.

Port Vale	34	24	5	5	83	31	53
Stockport	35	23	7	5	91	39	53
Darlington	36	18	5	13	92	63	41
Chesterfield	34	18	4	12	65	47	40
Hartlepool	35	15	9	11	68	59	39
Crews	33	16	6	11	74	54	38
Lincoln	34	12	14	8	69	45	35
York	35	11	15	9	62	55	37
Tranmere	35	14	7	14	79	67	35
Accrington	35	14	7	14	79	67	35
New Brighton	35	15	5	15	61	67	35
Sth. Shields	35	14	7	14	58	64	35
Doncaster	34	13	8	13	56	56	34
Southport	35	11	12	12	67	62	34
Nelson	36	13	7	16	48	64	33
Rochdale	33	13	6	14	64	74	32
Carlisle	35	12	7	16	76	89	31
Wigan	36	11	6	19	53	77	26
Wrexham	35	9	8	18	49	75	26
Hull City	37	6	8	21	38	70	24
Rotherham	35	8	7	20	59	102	23
Barrow	36	10	3	23	39	90	23

Dundee 2 Hearts 3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE TABLE.

Rangers	33	26	4	3	85	25	56
Aberdeen	35	21	7	7	79	47	45
Motherwell	33	20	5	8	83	45	45
Celtic	33	19	4	10	79	44	42
St. Mirren	35	18	4	13	71	61	40
Partick	33	14	9	10	64	60	37
Kilmarnock	34	14	9	11	72	63	37
Ayr	35	16	6	14	65	62	36
Hearts	35	13	9	13	66	64	35
Queen's Park	33	12	4	15	64	61	34
Falkirk	33	12	9	12	50	65	33
Hamilton	33	12	7	14	68	70	31
Clyde	35	10	11	14	57	68	31
Dundee	35	12	6	17	47	57	30
Airdrie	34	12	4	18	51	63	28
Hibernians	34	9	10	15	42	55	28
Cowdenbeath	33	9	7	17	50	65	25
Morton	34	9	7	18	63	85	25
Dundee U.	34	7	7	20	49	93	21
St. Johnstone	35	5	7	23	38	90	17

MONTE CARLO ADDS
TO ARMY.CORSICANS SELECTED FOR
SIZE AND STRENGTH.

The Monte Carlo Casino officials evidently consider the national army of 98 strong and stalwart soldiers insufficient to guard the funds collected over the gaming tables.

It is revealed that they have imported 50 swarthy Corsicans, picked for their size and strength, to guard the Casino property at night, and act as a bodyguard to high officials of the gaming corporation.

Officials of the Casino admit that the unrest in the Principality over the postponement of the elections, and the marital difficulties of Prince Pierre and Princess Charlotte, have obliged them to take the "necessary precautions."

Each of the Corsicans will be armed with a revolver and a stick, with orders to use them "only in case of extreme necessity."

CINEMA NOTES.

"NEW YORK NIGHTS" AT
THE QUEEN'S.

There is plenty of dramatic incident in "New York Nights," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. The theme is one which purports to throw sidelights on night club life in the States. There is, of course, a romantic vein worked into the story, whilst thrills are provided by one or two shooting incidents. If "whoopie" parties are anything like those shown in this film, then they are very swift affairs indeed.

The film is a talkie, starring Norma Talmadge, who is well supported by Lilyan Tashman, Mary Doran, Gilbert Roland, John Wray and Roscoe Karns. Those who like this type of picture will find it entertaining and exciting, but it seems to us to lack continuity and finesse. It is, however, excellently produced, and the acting is good.

Other features of the programme are a heart metronome news reel and a musical specialty.

Amusing Talkie.

Raoul Walsh's most recent directorial effort, "The Cock Eyed World," an all talking Fox Movietone picture, offers first-rate entertainment with special vocal and instrumental specialties. This picture emphasizes Walsh's versatility. In fact, it is one of the season's outstanding productions.

Its keynote is the continual battle between Flagg and Quirt of "What Price Glory" fame. Their love affair provokes a series of laughs. There is a consistent balance of pathos and well-sustained tensely human situations. It will be playing at the Queen's Theatre next week.

Laurence Stallings and Maxwell Anderson, who co-authored "What Price Glory," are responsible for this picture. Billy K. Wells scored a triumph with the dialogue he wrote.

And of course our old friends Vic McLaglen and Ed. Lowe are Flagg and Quirt respectively. In this film, we hear everything that this colourful pair of "leather-necks" say about each other.

Sparkling Lily Damita is the charmer who intrigues them in the tropics. Lella Karnelly makes life sweet for them in Russia, and Jean Barry has the boys fighting over her in Coney Island. "The Cock Eyed World" is one picture you must see.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" XI in their match with the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park to-day at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Sapsed, J. R. Henry, G. Rankin (Captain), M. G. Mills, E. G. S. Dale, H. O. Davies, L. A. R. Duncan, Maj. Herick, D. M. Macdonnell, R. H. D. Wade and R. D. Beaumont.

The Club "A" XI to meet the H.K. and S.A. at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. on Friday will be as follows.—R. W. Sapsed, G. A. L. Plummer, G. Rankin (Captain), W. R. S. Tighe, E. G. S. Dale, E. R. West, R. G. Edwards, Jones, T. R. Rowell, L. G. Frost, R. H. D. Wade and J. W. Arber.

Calcutta, Apr. 2.

The death roll in yesterday's riots totals six. All was quiet to-day, the buffalo carts playing as usual, the police patrols having been withdrawn, and the shops having reopened with business back to normal.—Reuter.

RECORD PRICE FOR
A STATUE.£28,350 BID FOR GREEK
"WOUNDED AMAZON."

The famous collection of Greek and Roman sculpture formed by the first Marquis of Lansdowne 160 years ago, and purchased by the third Marquis in 1810 for £10,580, was sold at Lansdowne House by Christie's for £68,502.

This is the largest sum ever realised for a collection of sculpture at auction.

The famous Hope collection from Deepdene sold at Christie's in 1917, realised £67,709. The majority were secured by Mr. Brummer, a New York dealer, who, it is believed, was acting for a well known American millionaire.

The event of the day was the sale of the superb Greek statue of a wounded Amazon, of Pentelic marble 6ft. 6in. high, which was purchased by the Marquis of Lansdowne when Lord Shelbourne in 1772 for £200.

The auctioneer asked for an opening bid of 5,000gns., but only an offer of 2,000gns. was forthcoming. Then followed a ding-dong contest between Mr. Brummer and Mr. Silva-White, acting for an American gallery, the latter finally retiring at Mr. Brummer's bid of 27,000gns.

This is a record bid for a piece of sculpture in England.

The statue of Herakles, of which much was expected, fell to a bid of 4,100gns. from a Mr. Dean, but it is doubtful if it reached the reserve.

Other purchases by Mr. Brummer included:—

A fragment of an Attic sepulchral relief 5,000gns.

A statue of Hermes 1,500gns., originally purchased for £600.

A Head of a Girl, 2,300gns., sold in 1769 for £15.

A statue of Artemis, 2,100gns.; and

A bust of Athene (purchased in 1771 for £104), 1,160gns.

Of the three modern sculptures sold, one, "The Sleeping Nymph," by Canova, was bought by the National Art Collections Fund for 600gns., for presentation to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

MOTOR-CAR SALES IN
UNITED STATES.NEARLY 4,000,000 IN 1929 IN
SPITE OF CRISIS.

Final motor-car registration returns for 1929 have just been issued by the United States Bureau of Statistics. These show that a total of 3,880,267 cars were registered for the first time during that year. This is 23.8 per cent. increase over 1928, when 3,133,295 new cars were sold in that country.

Ford regained the lead in sales, as the returns show that 1,310,119 Ford cars, or 33.8 per cent. of the total, were sold; Chevrolet ranked second and Essex third.

The U.S.A. car registrations of 1928, 3,732 during December showed a decrease of 12.7 per cent., as compared with those of December, 1928.

In Great Britain, according to the return issued by the Ministry of Transport, 11,171 cars were registered in December, 1929, out of a total of 18,020 new motors licensed. This compares with 12,158 cars registered in December, 1928, out of a total of 19,159, or a decrease of slightly over 8 per cent. These comparative figures show that the British motor traders have suffered less than their U.S.A. confreres by the recent financial crisis.

TO-DAY'S WANTS.

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The following replies have been received:—

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ADOPTED CHILD IN
NULLITY CASE.

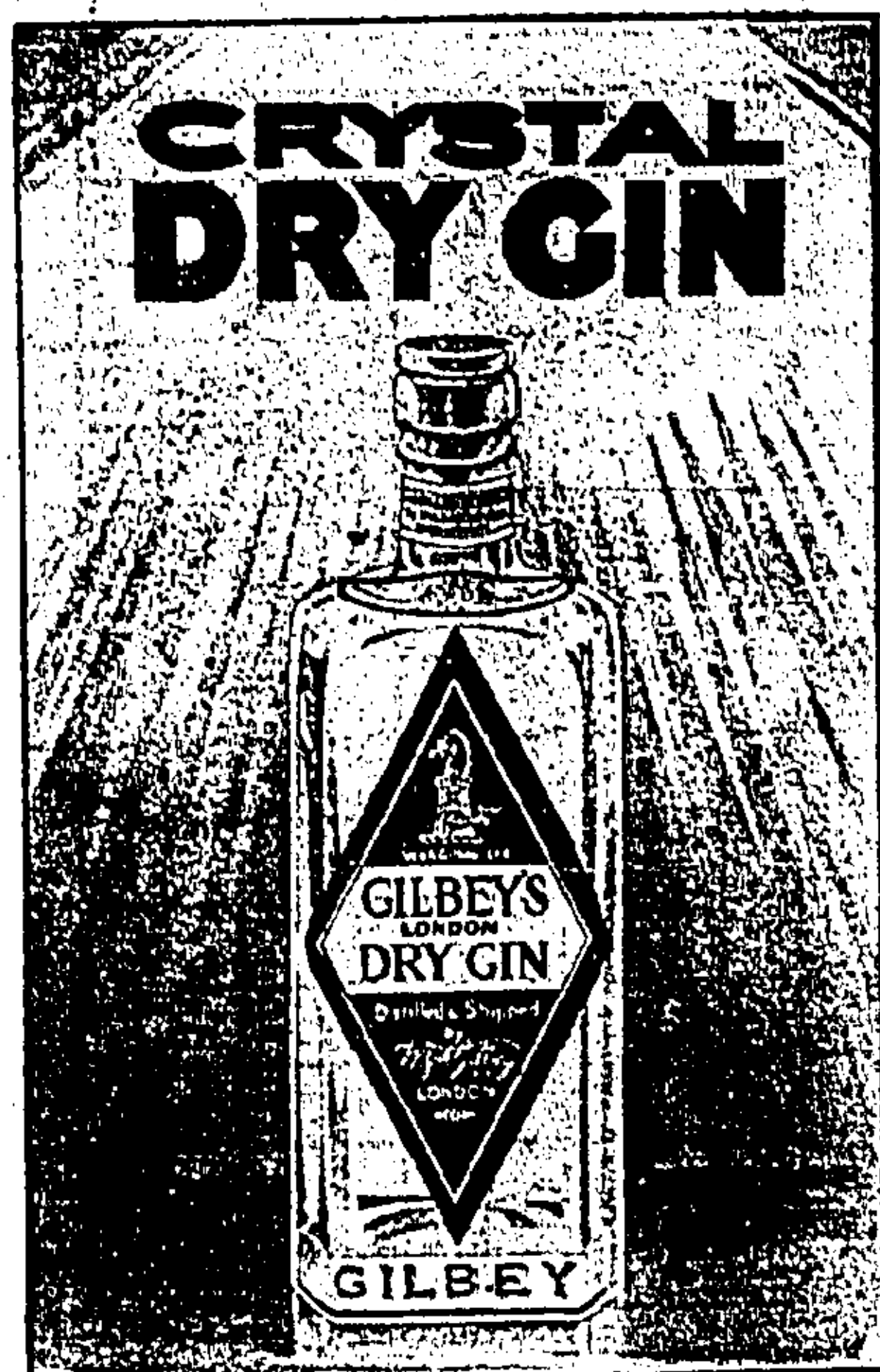
A NOVEL APPLICATION.

An interesting point with regard to adopted children was raised in the Divorce Court before Mr. Justice Hill.

During the hearing of a petition for nullity of marriage brought by Mrs. Ivy Kathleen Martin, of Leigh-on-Sea, her counsel, Mr. Clifford Mortimer, made what he termed "a novel application" for the custody of the adopted child of the parties.

The child was an infant when it was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Martin, the necessary order being made in accordance with the Adoption of Children Act 1926. One section of the Act placed children so adopted in exactly the same position as if they had been the lawful children of the adopters when the latter were married people.

Mr. Mortimer contended that Mrs. Martin was entitled to an order for the custody of the child in order that, if she thought fit, she might proceed for an order for the maintenance of the child.



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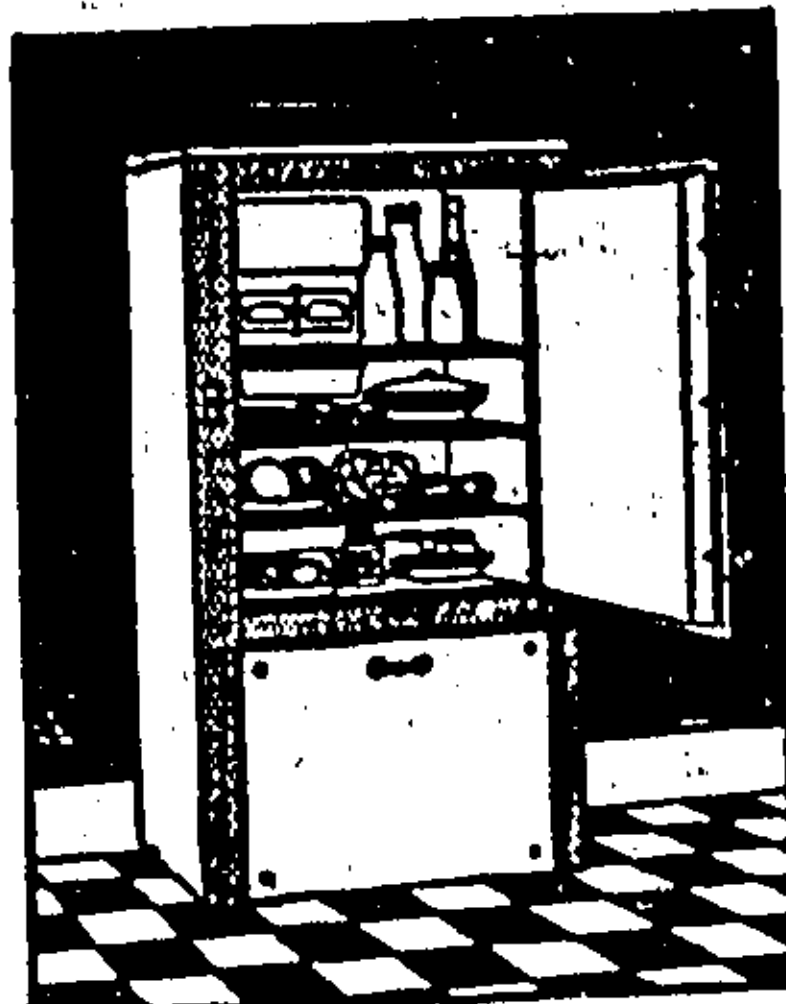
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DEATH.

O'Hoy.—The Robert Dollar Co. regrets to announce the death of Mr. K. L. O'Hoy, their Comptroller. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon, April 4, at which time the Company's Office will be closed.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1930.

PLAYING FIELDS.

The Committee which has just reported on the provision of adequate playing fields for the Colony has tackled a huge subject, full of complexities and difficulties, in a manner which must command general approbation. So much is apparent from a study of the lengthy document which it has now presented. There will possibly be some difference of opinion on some of the proposals put forward, but it is evident that the Committee has approached the question from the right angle and has endeavoured to outline the best means of immediate amelioration of an unsatisfactory situation as well as of legislating for the days ahead. Reading the arguments advanced by those members who have dissented from the suggestion that Caroline Hill should be given up as a recreational centre and the land sold for building purposes, we feel somewhat inclined to side with the minority. A strong point is made in the contention that the value and cost of the land should not be the deciding factor, inasmuch as that has not been the policy followed in other areas specifically set aside for sport. The question of accessibility is also an important one.

Coming from the particular to the general, however, we should like to put on record an appreciation of the steps which the Committee took to ascertain the views of all interested parties. This was done by advertisements in the English and Chinese newspapers, by a questionnaire addressed to clubs and institutions, and by the hearing of evidence. These measures, taken in conjunction with the representative character of the Committee, ensured that the ground would be adequately covered. The problem with which the Committee had to deal has been forced into attention by three causes—the steady material development of the Colony, the growth of the population, and the amazing manner in which the Chinese have taken to outdoor sport. These two latter factors must be taken into account when we feel inclined to be severely critical in regard to the mistakes of the past. Cer-

tainly can it be said that within the past decade there has been such a development of the love of outdoor recreation on the part of the young members of the Chinese community as no-one could have foreseen. So far as Victoria is concerned, and this also applies to certain parts of Kowloon, it is too late to make provision on a scale sufficiently liberal to meet the needs of the time, but the Committee has done useful work by indicating certain respects in which the best can be made of a bad situation. In this connexion, the suggestions made, on the initiative of Mr. J. L. McPherson, for utilising small spaces for certain types of games, so that street children may enjoy organised sport in restricted areas, strike us as opening up excellent opportunities. In regard to the mainland, we are glad to notice that the Committee has worked on the plan that, if it errs at all, it should do so on the side of liberality. "We realise," it says, "that much of the land recommended for reservation is or will be valuable building land, but we have made our recommendations advisedly in order to preserve oases in what may one day become a world of bricks and mortar."

That is the right principle when dealing with a matter which so vitally concerns the public health and well-being. Incidentally, it appears to fit in with the attitude of those members of the Committee who have felt themselves unable to support the proposal for the disposal of Caroline Hill for building purposes.

It is now generally conceded that the provision of adequate playing spaces is a matter developing upon any Government which seeks to have regard to its responsibilities in the matter of public health. But there are other grounds than these; important though they be, why Governments should do all in their power to see that recreational facilities are not lacking. Amongst these is the fact that youths who are encouraged to take their places on the field of sport will find that participation in organised games means the exercise of self-discipline and the calling into play of true sportsmanship. Possibly an even greater value results from the diversion of thoughts and energies into healthful channels. The young man who takes up sport seriously has no time or inclination for seditious activity or other underground plotting. These are considerations which we should bear in mind when thinking of the expense and labour involved in plans such as those outlined by the Committee which has been studying Hongkong's problem. Its report is a useful contribution to a big subject. The next step is for the Government to move forward with delay.

World Unemployment.

While in recent years Great Britain and some of the Continental countries have been bearing the biggest burdens of unemployment it would now seem that America is faced with a similar problem and that the question might attain the political importance it has done in England. In the view of the President of the American Federation of Labour there were 3,700,000 unemployed in the country in February. Taking this figure on an estimated population of 120,000,000, and Britain having 1,500,000 unemployed in a population of about 43,000,000, it would appear that the situation in America is now almost as bad as in England. Mr. J. H. Thomas has had control of the unemployment situation since the Labour Government took office and while his efforts have no doubt been sincere and generally beneficial to the country's trade, each week has seen a gradual increase in the number of workless. America is told by a Labour leader that she must choose between better planning or the dole and it

DAY BY DAY.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTION MADE BY LEGISLATORS AND PEOPLE ALIKE IS THAT A MAJORITY HAS POWERS TO WHICH NO LIMITS CAN BE PUT.—Herbert Spencer.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of typhoid and one of small-pox, all Chinese.

Mr. J. Russell will speak on "Action and Knowledge" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society to-day at 6 p.m.

A capsized junk is reported by the master of the s.s. Perseus to be floating in Lat. 23 degrees 05' N. and Long. 117 degrees 25' E. yesterday. This floating wreck is considered to be dangerous to navigation.

For giving short weight to customers, a salt fish monger was this morning sharply fined \$50, after his offence was stated to Mr. Grantham by Sub-Inspector Shattain, who produced a number of scales as evidence against the profiteer.

To-morrow afternoon at the Supreme Court presentations will be made to the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) on the occasion of his flag on leave prior to retirement. His Lordship will be the recipient of a token from members of the legal profession and afterwards a presentation will be made by members of the Supreme Court staff.

Three hawkers who were arrested for obstruction in Kimberley Road, were represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. At the request of the defence, the case was adjourned till Monday afternoon. The defendants were remanded on Mr. Loseby's guarantee for their appearance, their own bail of \$2 each being returned to them.

Admitting three separate charges of larceny of clothing from dwelling houses in Shamshui, a Chinese who made his appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each count. The defendant, who had a previous conviction for receiving stolen property, was stated to have stolen the clothing by climbing into the houses from the verandah of unoccupied flats.

A debate recently took place in Boston, U.S.A., between teams representing Harvard University and the Chinese University Debating Council which is touring the States, the subject being extra-territoriality. Included in the Chinese team were Victor K. Kwong, of Hongkong; Chang Su-ice, of Swatow; and S. L. Chang, of Canton, the first-named being the leader. By 88 votes to 25, the gathering approved of the abolition of extrajurisdiction in China.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 2.
Paris	124.20
Brussels	34.865
Amsterdam	12.115
Berlin	20.38
Copenhagen	18.17
Vienna	34.25
Helsingfors	193.4
Lisbon	108.30
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	43.4
Shanghai	4.11
Yokohama	2.013/32
New York	4.86 17/32
Geneva	25.925
Milan	92.80
Stockholm	178.09
Oslo	18.17
Prague	164.4
Madrid	38.85
Athens	37.5
Rio	5.25/32
Bombay	175.27/32
Hongkong	1.16
Silver (spot)	19.4
Silver (forward)	19.5/16

—British Wireless.

will be interesting to see what steps are taken to cope with a situation which is, presumably, increasing in gravity, and which has defied solution by other Governments. The causes of unemployment are obscure. The British Government has denied that it is responsible for the situation and has suggested a world reaction in trade as the primary cause. Whatever the causes, however, no very satisfactory remedy has been found and authorities have come to the conclusion that a gradual return of normal trade can alone cure the evil. The situation in America has become so acute that a Senate Committee is now making an inquiry. The results of its labours will be eagerly awaited by nations who have long been saddled with a great burden of unemployment, but even more interest will be taken in whatever measures are decided upon to absorb the present huge number of workless into productive fields.

HOOLIGAN WANTED FREE SEAT.

ASSAULT ON A THEATRE TICKET COLLECTOR.

A conviction was registered by Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, against a Chinese who appeared on a charge of assaulting a ticket collector of the Po Hing Theatre last night.

The defendant was stated to have attempted to gain admission to the performance without a ticket, and, when prevented by the ticket-collector, he struck him on the chest.

The defendant's story was that he had gone to see an actor. He admitted that he had no ticket, but intimated that he had not gone to see the performance. He was struck by the ticket collector, who prevented him from entering the premises.

On convicting the defendant, his Worship said that he had no sympathy for him as he had not only tried to secure free admission to the performance, which was a very mean trick, but had also acted as a hooligan and had assaulted the ticket collector.

Inspector Marks reminded his Worship of previous incidents at the Po Hing Theatre.

The defendant was fined \$10.

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE SUCCUMBS.

DEATH OF DOLLAR LINE COMPRADORE.

We regret to have to record the death, which occurred at his residence, No. 39, Sand Street, West Point, this morning, of a well-known member of the Chinese community, Mr. Kim L. O'Hoy, compradore of the local offices of the Dollar Steamship Company.

A man of sterling qualities, the late Mr. O'Hoy was very popular among his friends and colleagues. His never-failing courtesy to all and sundry was one of his many assets and won for him the respect and esteem of all his acquaintances, foreign or Chinese.

Hailing from Australia, the deceased had been in indifferent health for some time and for the last year or so, we are informed, had been known to be suffering from kidney trouble.

He had been in Hongkong for a good number of years. He set up in business for himself some time back but joined the Dollar Steamship Company about five years ago as compradore.

Only 47 years of age, the deceased leaves four children to mourn his premature demise and for them much sympathy will be felt.

U.S. WARSHIPS ON VISIT.

PART OF 39TH DESTROYER DIVISION.

Four United States destroyers and the gunboat Mindanao, which form part of the 39th Division, arrived in Hongkong harbour yesterday, on a brief visit, their length of stay being only a few days.

The destroyers, which are at anchor in the centre of the fairway, are the Parrott, Edsell, Simpson and MacLeish.

This morning, the U.S.S. Black Hawk also arrived, and fired a salvo of guns in salute. After steaming slowly through the harbour, she turned and anchored alongside the destroyers. The ship's band played martial airs as the boat drew into harbour, and her ratings and crew were drawn up in review order on the decks. Her visit is also of brief duration.

NO LICENCE FOR TOBACCO.

MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED AT KOWLOON.

Charges of being in possession of 97 pounds of dutiable tobacco and of selling tobacco without a retailer's licence were brought against a man and a woman of 332, Reclamation Street, on their appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. F. H. Loseby intimated that he had been asked by Mr. J. M. Remedios, who was appearing for the defence, to apply for a short remand and bail.

R. O. Young remarked that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports wished for a week's remand to go into some papers. He asked for \$1,000 bail for the first defendant and \$700 for the second.

The defendants were accordingly remanded for one week.

The Very Idea

"Now, boys," said the inspro, "I want you to write an essay. What I would do if I had \$5,000." At the end of an hour the papers were collected. One boy, who had sat idle all the time, handed in a blank sheet.

"What's this, my boy?" "That's what I'd do, sir, I had \$5,000. Nothing."

First Showman—"Where's the ventriloquist you used to have?" Second Showman—"I believe he's making quite a lot of money by selling talking parrots."

(A magistrate has pointed out that a professional criminal must keep sober, at any rate when "working.")

"Have I been a burglar long, sir? why, ever since I was a kid. And I ain't drunk nothing strong, sir, since the very first job I did."

"Keep sober" has been my motto—and it's one that will see me through. For it's wrong to be nearly 'blotto' when there's serious work to do.

Well, perhaps I have felt tempted to take a reviving nip. When a till's been neatly emptied and I've given the cops the slip:

But our reputation's great, sir, it has made us what we are. And I modestly celebrate, sir, with a coffee and mild cigar."

Young people are suffering from an embarrassing fund of unexpended seriousness.—Mr. C. E. M. Joad.

Rural England is not a museum. It is the home of the people, and the interests of the people must come first.—Mr. John Buchan, M. P.

At present it is more dangerous to walk on the high roads in Great Britain than it is to travel anywhere in the world by rail or by aeroplane or by sea.—Dr. Salter, M. P.

It is no use teaching the A. B. C. to children if they are to be killed the next day. I would teach them how to dodge buses before they learn the A.B.C.—Mr. E. F. Hadow.

Before the conjurer began his performance, he invited someone in the audience (a boy preferred) to come up on the platform, and assist him with his performance.

A smart-looking lad immediately came forward, and to him the conjurer said: "Now, my lad, have you ever seen me before, or assisted me in my performance?"

"No father!" came the prompt response.

Students of Sun Yat-sen University are making an inspection trip to Hongkong. The Juniors of the Physics Department, following the regular ordinance of The University to conduct an inspection trip yearly, left for Hongkong yesterday. The following engineering works will be inspected: Hongkong Electric Co., Hongkong Wireless Station, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Hongkong Tramways Ltd. and China Light and Power Co. The visit will last for several days.

WHO WAS—

MARIUS THE EPICUREAN?

All the noblest tendencies of his day met, and mingled in the character of Marius the Epicurean, the titular hero of Walter Pater's novel.

A citizen of Rome, in the days of Marcus Aurelius, Marius sought for a philosophy of life in the great creeds of his city and epoch. Stoicism, Epicureanism, and Christianity.

By temperament and upbringing, he inclined to the system of the Epicureans, yet he was too honest a thinker not to perceive the merits of Stoicism, which cult had recently great impetus from the active support of the emperor.

On the other hand, he was profoundly attracted to Christianity, which appeared to confer upon its devotees that blessed peace of mind which is the end and aim of all philosophy.

Professedly, Marius remained an Epicurean to the conclusion of his all too short life, but the manner of his death was such that the Christian Church claimed him into the ranks of its martyrs.

In the words of a critic: "He is at once a reminiscence of Roman greatness, in the past and a prophecy of the Christian future."

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There's spring in the dainty fabrics that fashion new clothes. (Left to right) A sprigged linen suit has a bolero with flaring sleeves, a pleated skirt with novel little yoke pocket and a tucked-in organdie blouse with fine handwork. Any white background make one of the daintiest of spring chiffon frocks. The basque bodice is sleeveless with a fichu neck and the accordion pleated skirt has yoke effect. There is a parasol to match and the big natural red and blue cords. A wild rose flat crepe frock has original neckline and armholes.

Be Yourself.

LOVE BEFORE MARRIAGE.

During their engagement, the average woman is more deeply in love with the man she is going to marry than he is with her.

If she realise this—as she often does—a woman either harbours a half-smothered feeling of reproach or disappointment against the man (she is usually too proud to put it into words), or she resigns herself to accept the fact that men have a lighter, less intense, nature than women. In either case her conclusions are utterly false.

Women have only themselves to blame for this state of affairs. A man would love his fiancée as deeply as she loves him if only he was permitted to understand her and know her as she really is.

When in love, he puts all his cards on the table; but the woman only reveals her certain winners. In consequence, while she is loving a natural, human being, whose faults and failings she knows, and with which, in her love, she is ever ready to sympathise, he has only a pedestal type of woman whose attitude to life seems so different from his own that she might be living in a separate world.

A man expects his fiancée to be like him. He trusts her love, and in the vast majority of cases, she does not let him down. But a woman feels differently. In this respect she has less conceit than men—she cannot be certain that there is something so attractive about her and worthy of love that the few disappointments she may occasion her man will make his affection the truer and more understanding. She treasures the love she has aroused, and in her dread of losing it she gives it no chances for expansion and growth.

Consequently, married love is a far greater revelation of happiness to a man than to a woman. Finding the pedestal an unfeasible proposition for everyday life she descends and reveals her true self—the lovable woman he has tried, unsuccessfully, to find, and whom, at last, he can begin to understand.

Of Interest.

Evening Jewellery.

Some of the newest necklaces and bracelets for wear with spring frocks are most attractive. A charming set comprising necklace and bracelet, combines tiny ropes of seeds pearls and clusters of glass berries. The pearls are strung for two inches in length, and joined to another cluster by four miniature ropes of seed-pearls, and the bracelet is treated in the same way. The pearls are their natural colour, but the glass beads can be found in shades of mauve, lime, and black.

Shagreen Hat Trimming.

Shagreen for toilet sets, photograph frames, cigarette boxes, etc., is a familiar sight, but never before has it been used as the sole trimming of a hat. One of the new millinery models is made of grey felt in a simple sailor shape, and its only trimming is a band of green shagreen swathed loosely round the crown and terminating in a bow.

Car Cushions.

Smart cushions for the car are almost as important as a smart car to the modern woman, and some of the new models designed to suit particular makes of cars are charming. The cushions are made in a square shape of duvetyn. A Rolls-Royce car should have its cushions of brown, with the monogram in the left-hand corner in red. For the Renault there is a rich shade of blue with the initial embroidered in a triangle of white silk. Each car has its own particular colour and monogram. If desired, the cushions can be made to the purchaser's taste.

Original Powder Puffs.

Powder puffs which will catch loose powder instead of allowing it to flutter all over one's dress, will certainly prove popular. This has been achieved by placing the puffs inside a handkerchief of ring velvet which catches all the particles of powder. Another advantage of these puffs is that they wash quite well.

Year of Jewels.

GREEN FROCKS THE VOGUE.

Party frocks in taffeta and georgette are being made for the *jeune fille* in semi-picture fashion, with little rounded décolleté and no sleeves. Old rose pink, white, blue and very pale pink are the colours most liked for girls.

Their elder sisters and mothers are very keen on green, and this is unusual, since green is supposed to be unlucky.

In all shades green is being worn, pale and emerald, yellow-green and blue-green, they are all in fashion.

For girls skirts are semi-long, for grown-ups they are quite long, but, falling in points, they show the ankle and about it.

With a high-set, narrow belt on a fitting bodice, slender girls look still more slender, since the hips are as tightly fitted as ever.

All the fullness runs from below the hips. Bolero-shaped flounces hang cape-wise from the point of the décolleté behind. A bow may be tied in front from a slender belt.

The silhouette is young and appealing; but for all but the very slim there is only the semi-fitting princess robe, and this has to be cut to perfection.

Trimmed With Jewels.

It is the year of glistening jewels. Hundreds of women have simple georgette dresses for the evening with no trimming but these jewels.

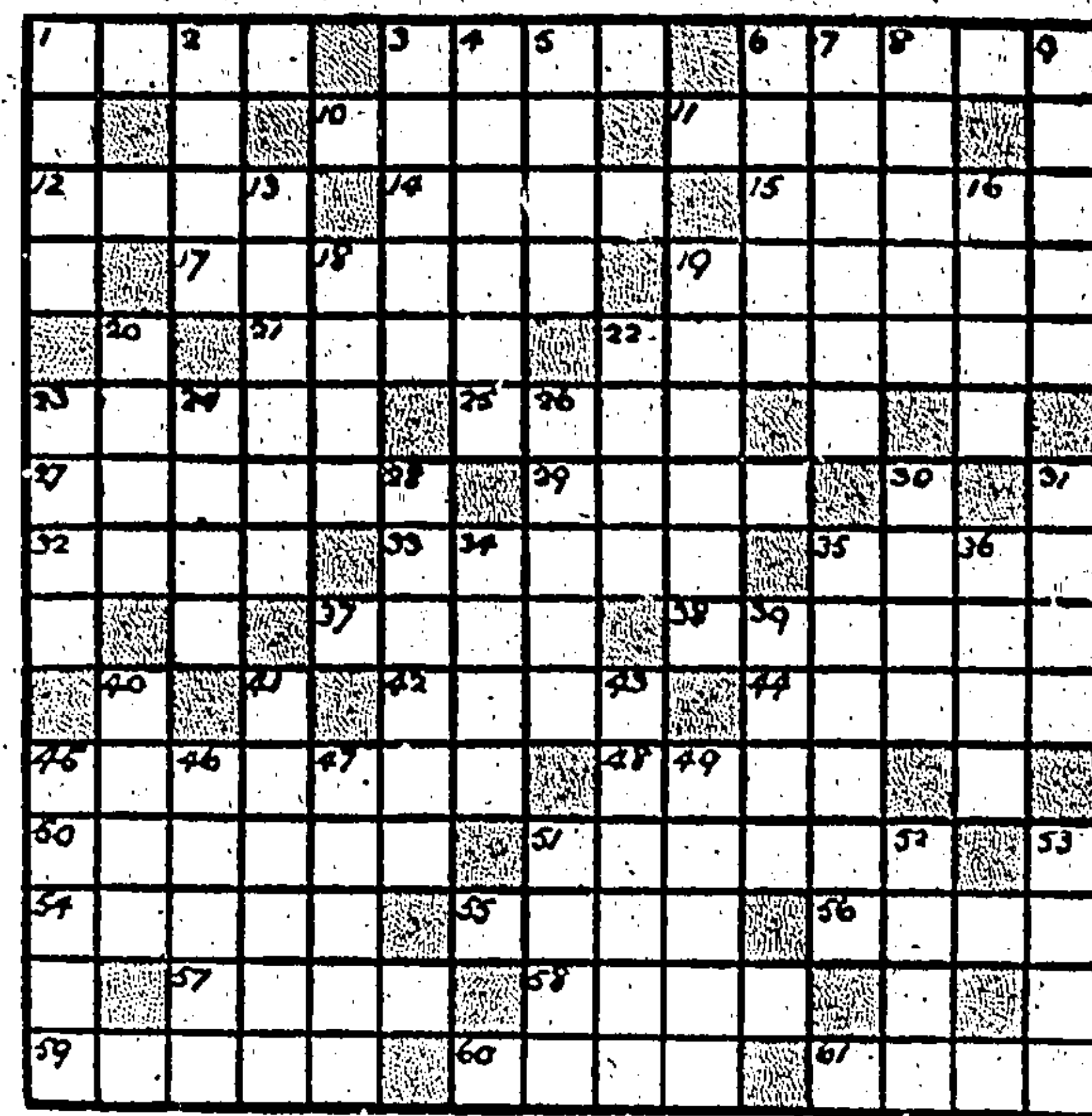
Take a white georgette frock, beautifully cut and draped, and hang on it a chain and pendant of pearls and diamonds, bracelets to match, and for those they suit, add earrings.

Put such a dress into any pale colour you like, or have it in black, and with jewels you will get the luxurious effect that is needed for dresses this year.

Hairdressing is very varied. The short clipped head is not as fashionable as it was. Many women are letting their hair grow, and many of them look untidy during the process.

Only the woman who can afford the time and the money to go regularly to the coiffeur can grow long hair becomingly.

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3 Make beer.
6 Artificial wool.
10 Reared.
11 Table land.
12 Small draughts.
14 Eager.
15 Water passages.
17 Label.
19 Talking bird.
21 Gape at.
22 Assistants.
23 Troubled.
25 Three.
27 Supposes.
29 High mountains.
32 Cried.
33 Sing.
35 Scorch.
37 Rainbow.
38 Value.
42 Frown.
44 Mislay.
45 Deprive.
48 Pour down.
50 Divine communication.
51 Canted up.
54 Even.
55 Lifted.
56 Compound of sodium.
57 Image.
58 Certain tides.
59 Tendon.
60 Office furniture.
61 Smart.

Down
2 Official.
4 Transported.
5 Fern.
6 Turn back to.
7 Revise for publication.
8 Reward.
9 Appropriate.

8 Mother-of-pearl.
9 Kilns.
13 Noiseless.
16 Ript.
18 Yield.
19 Populace.
20 Stare at.
22 High land.
23 Head covering.
24 Torn.
26 Lift up.
28 Endeavour.
30 Costs.
31 Jewels.
34 Cereal.
35 Concretions of earth.
36 Rocks.
39 Slide.
40 In this place.
41 Go back.
43 Impels.
45 Flees.
46 Plunder.
49 On the point.
51 Shade of colour.
52 Out of work pay.
53 Lay in the sun.
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CHINA'S PROVINCIAL
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TO HEAR CASES CONCERNING
FOREIGNERS.

Nanking, Apr. 2.
The Foreign Ministry has notified the British, American, French,

Dutch, Norwegian and Brazilian Ministers that the various provincial Bureaux of Foreign Affairs all over the country having been abolished, all mixed appeal cases in which foreigners who are entitled to extraterritorial privileges are complainants, will henceforth be heard in the Provincial High Courts concerned.—Reuter.

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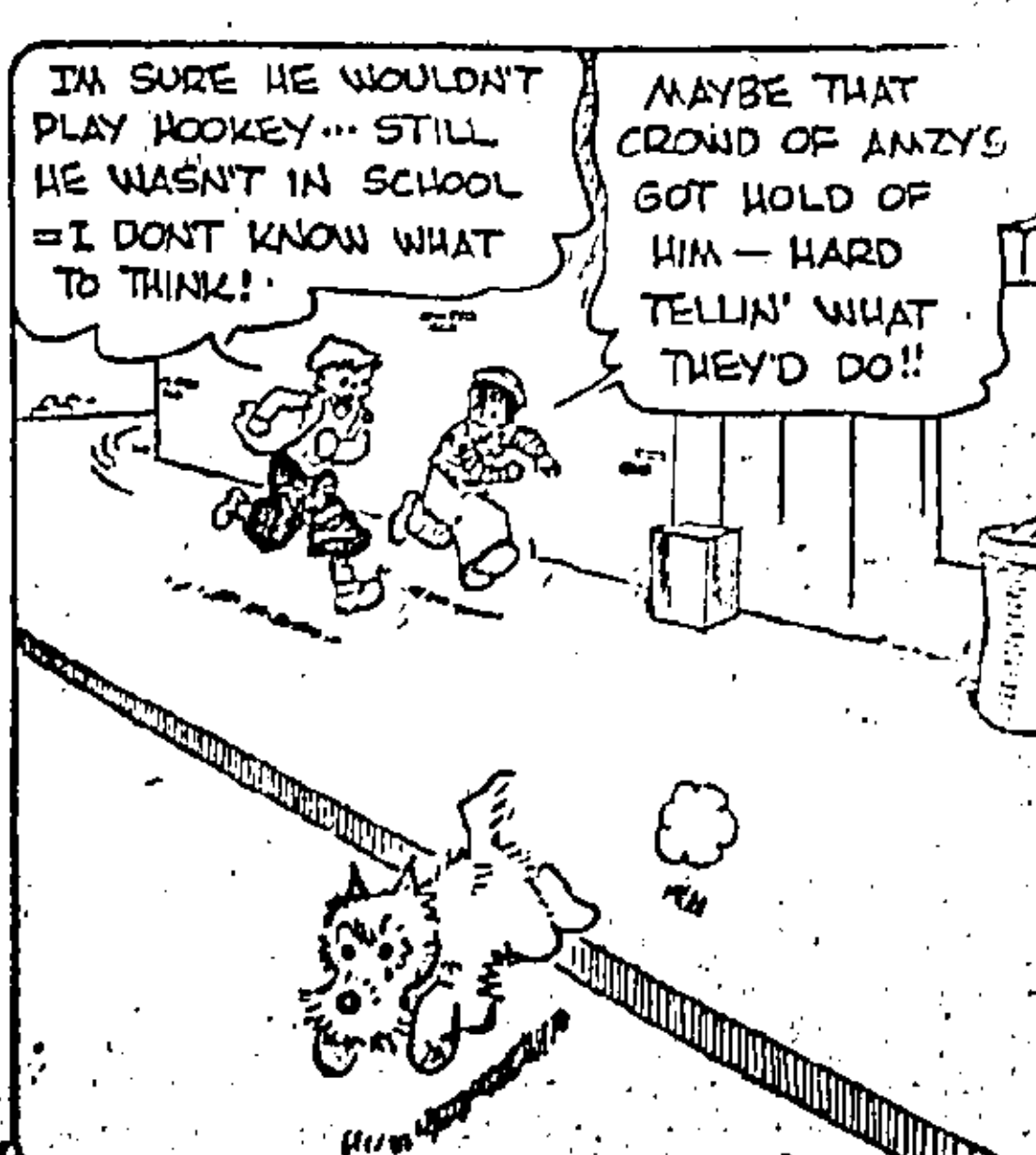


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News!

By Blosser

New Advertisements

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Saturday, the 5th day of April, 1930, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1929, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 28th March, 1930, until Saturday, the 5th April, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1930.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS may now book seats at Pavilion to witness Semi-Final and Final Matches of Open Events from the Stand.

MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS, booking at the PAVILION ONLY, have the privilege of obtaining tickets at REDUCED prices.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, at the City Hall, on Friday, the 4th day of April, 1930, at 5.15 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the arrival of His Excellency Sir William Peel K.B.E., C.M.G., and in particular:—

- (1) To appoint a Reception Committee.
- (2) To decide on the mode and place of the Reception.
- (3) To decide how the cost of the Reception should be met.
- (4) To discuss matters generally in connection with such Reception.

Dated 26th March, 1930.

H. E. POLLOCK,
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The Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5th April, 1930, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all Chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that my interest in The Clover Flower Shop ceases from this date.

Signed: C. H. Hoare.
March, 21st 1930.

Lammert's Auctions

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GENERAL AVERAGES.

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It is hereby notified that the s.s. "Palang Maru," with cargo on board from Dairen, Tsingtao, Shanghai and Amoy, ran aground on the sand shore of Namon Island, situated East of Swatow, on the 28th February, 1930, and after effecting temporary repairs at Swatow, she returned to Shanghai on 25th ulto. with the salvaged cargo on board, which will be disposed of according to the Surveyor's recommendation. In consequence thereof, General Average has been declared.

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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1930.

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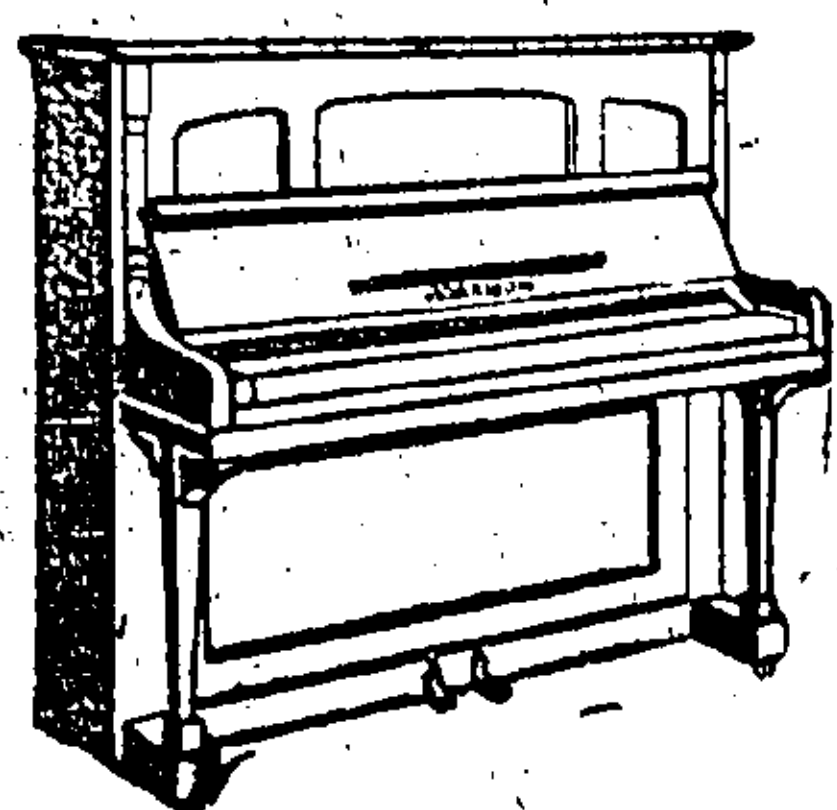
Recently, a gentleman decided to sail round the world in a junk. He wanted two co-adventurers to join him, but who wants to sail round the world in a junk? Possibly you would say "nobody!" However, he was a wise man, and he invited applications through the medium of The Hongkong Telegraph—and found twenty-one people ready and willing to join him!

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DUCKING IN HARBOUR.

SERVICE-MEN RESCUED WHEN BOAT CAPSIZES.

Four Service-men were picked up from the harbour by a passenger boat yesterday, shortly before 2 p.m., when the boat in which they were sailing capsized, precipitating them all into the water.

The boat was owned by Gunner Coe, who took three of his friends along with him for a cruise around the harbour. Meeting with a particularly strong gust of wind, the boat capsized in the central fairway near the Star Ferry wharf.

Gunner Coe and his friends were rescued none the worse for their experience.

TO COUNTER RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA.

UNIONS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH EAST.

London, Apr. 2.
It is announced that the International Federation of Trade Unions are considering the despatch of a delegation to the Far East to establish closer contact, and endeavour to create a formal link, between trade union organisations in the West and East, and in order to counter the activities of Russian propaganda.—Router.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P. and O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. It is notified for information that the wireless rate per word on telegrams to British North Borneo has been increased to 50 cents per word with effect from 2nd inst.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Due
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London 15th March	Katori Maru April 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hupoh April 5.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 7th March)	Pres. Van Buren April 5.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 6th Mar. and parcels 27th Mar.)	Rhyber April 5.
Manila	Empress of Russia April 6.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson April 6.
Australia and Manila	Nellore April 7.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 14th March)	President Grant April 7.
Calcutta and Straits	Namsang April 7.
U.S.A., (Seattle 22nd Mar.), Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln April 11.
Japan and Manila	Futsuta Maru April 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Siberia Maru April 12.
Straits	Suva Maru April 13.
Manila	President Grant April 14.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 22nd March)	Shinyo Maru April 17.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kaga Maru April 17.
Australia and Manila	
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 29th March)	Empress of Asia April 18.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	
U. S. A. (San Francisco March 21), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Garfield April 19.
U. S. A. (San Francisco March 28), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland April 21.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time.
Rangoon	Michael Jansen Thurs., Apr. 3, 3 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso Thurs., Apr. 3, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Mishima Maru Fri., Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Bintang Fri., Apr. 4, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer Fri., Apr. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans Fri., Apr. 4
	Parcels 1.15 p.m.
	Registration 2.30 p.m.
	Letters 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Patroclus Fri., Apr. 4, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Fri., Apr. 4, 2 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong Fri., Apr. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Tijbadak Fri., Apr. 4, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru Sat., Apr. 5.
	K.P.O.
	Registration Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters Apr. 5, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Registration 8.45 a.m.
	Letters 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 4th May.)
Japan and South American Ports	Ginjo Maru Sat., Apr. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, East Africa via Lourenco Marques and South American Ports	Kanagawa Maru Sat., Apr. 5, 11.30 a.m.
Manila	Texas Sat., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Chun Chih Sat., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui Sat., Apr. 5, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rhyber Sat., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Siberia	Kanachow Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hezan Maru Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Liangchow Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Foochow	
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada, and Europe via San Francisco	President Jefferson Mon., Apr. 7.
	Parcels 3 p.m.
	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters 4.15 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 30th April.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Jefferson Mon., Apr. 7.
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	Letters 5 p.m.
Amoy	Namsang Mon., Apr. 7, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Chin Shing Mon., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	King Yuan Tues., Apr. 8, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching Tues., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsang Tues., Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Russia Wed., Apr. 9.
	Parcels 8 p.m.
	Registration Apr. 9, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters Apr. 9, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 26th April.)
Amoy	Tai Yuan Wed., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang Fri., Apr. 11, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa Sat., Apr. 12.
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru Mon., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
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Shanghai	Suva Maru Mon., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Grant Mon., Apr. 14.
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	Letters 5 p.m.
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Swatow	Kwong Sang Tues., Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Cheong Shing Wed., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang Thurs., Apr. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kutsang Thurs., Apr. 17, 1.30 p.m.
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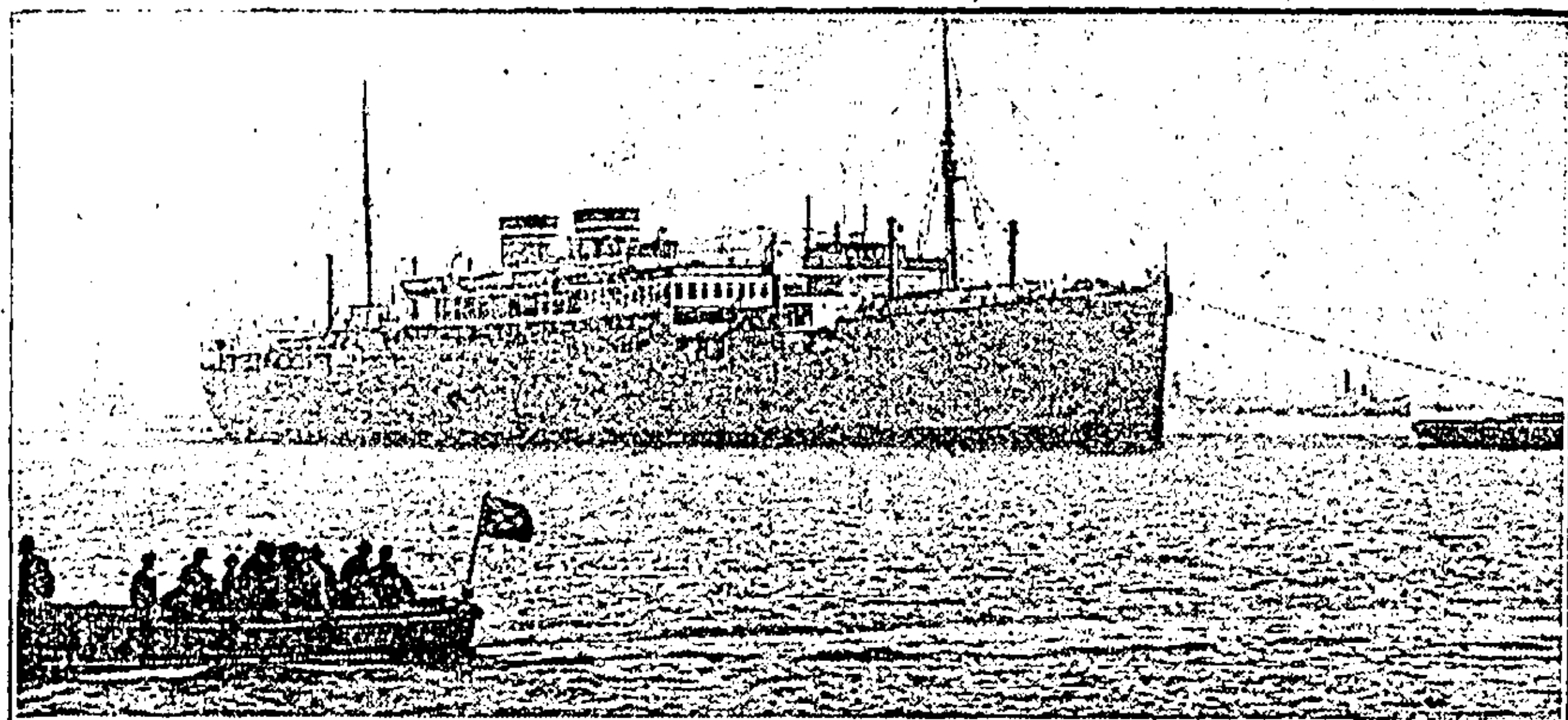
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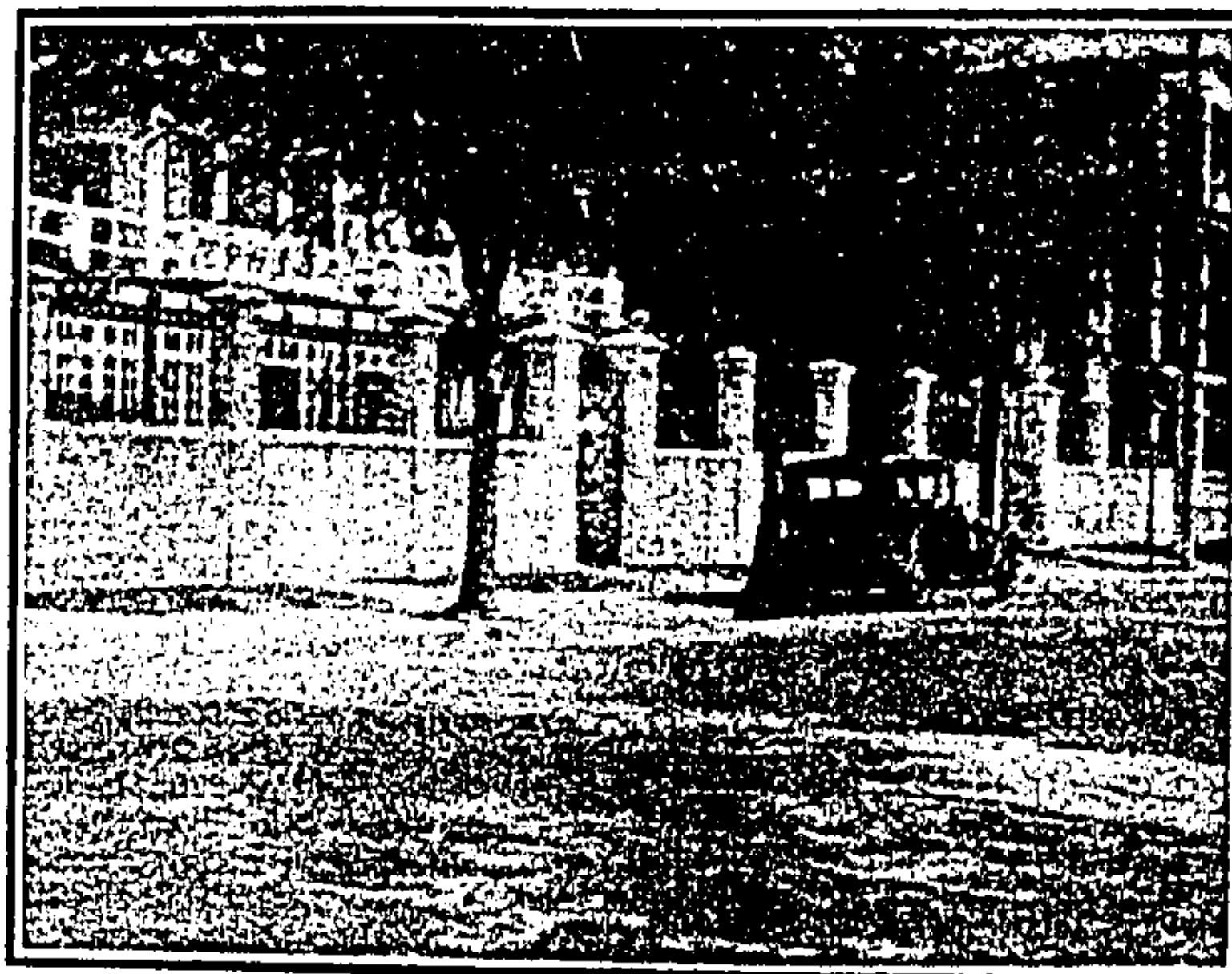
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Messrs. H. Henley and R. C. Cave, two of Luna Park's most enthusiastic and regular patrons holding their weekly "court" at the Luna Park kennels, Shanghai. Mr. Henley (left) has just returned from Home and declares that none of the Home greyhound courses "have anything on Luna Park" in any way whatsoever.



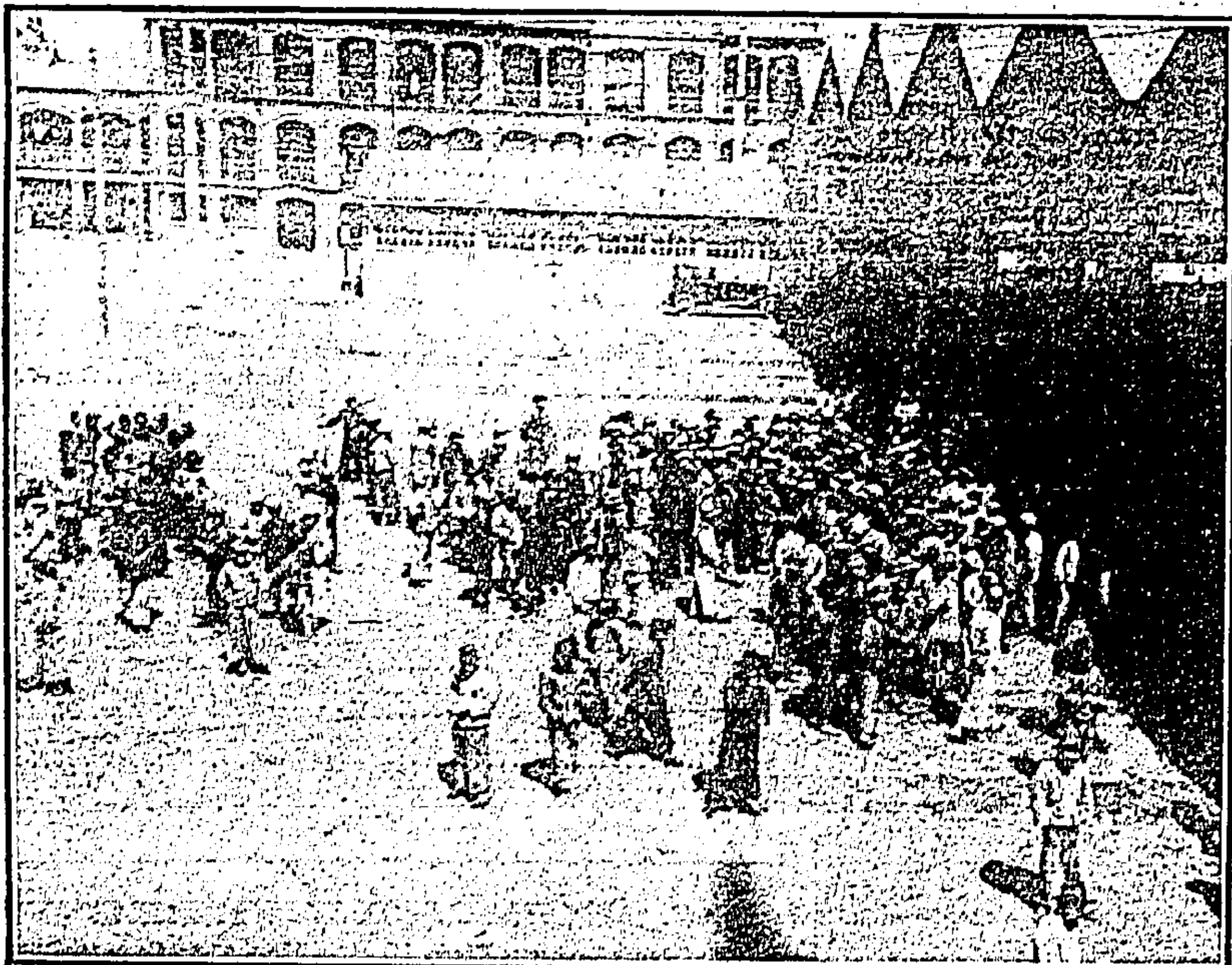
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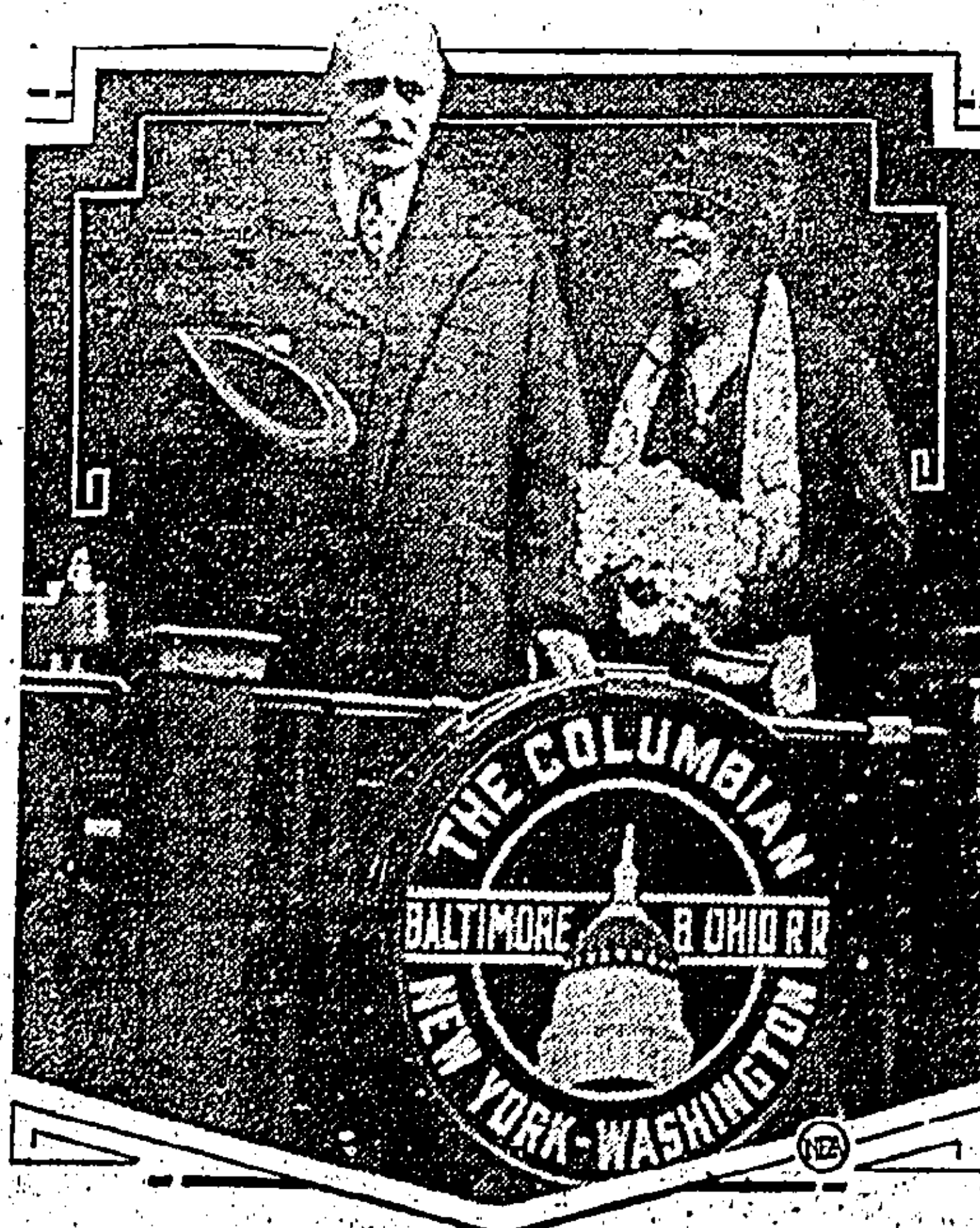
Lieutenant-Colonel Marceau, who succeeds Colonel Mallet as commander of the Shanghai French defence forces, inspecting the forces under his command.



Another motorist who tried to beat a train to the crossing sent a speeding electric passenger train careening into an electric freight train, killing 11 and injuring approximately 80. The automobile was struck by the passenger train near Kenosha, Wis., and hurled against an oncoming freight train. Both cars were derailed and smashed into a tumbled mass of wreckage.



A group of employees of the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways of d'Eclairage, Electriques de Shanghai, who walked out on strike, are shown above assembled on the company's premises waiting to hear whether or not their demands had been accepted.



Closing his diplomatic career, Sir Esme Howard—for six years British ambassador to the United States—is pictured above, with Mrs. Howard, as they departed from Washington for New York en route to England. High government officials and foreign diplomats gathered at the station to bid farewell to the distinguished envoy who has retired.

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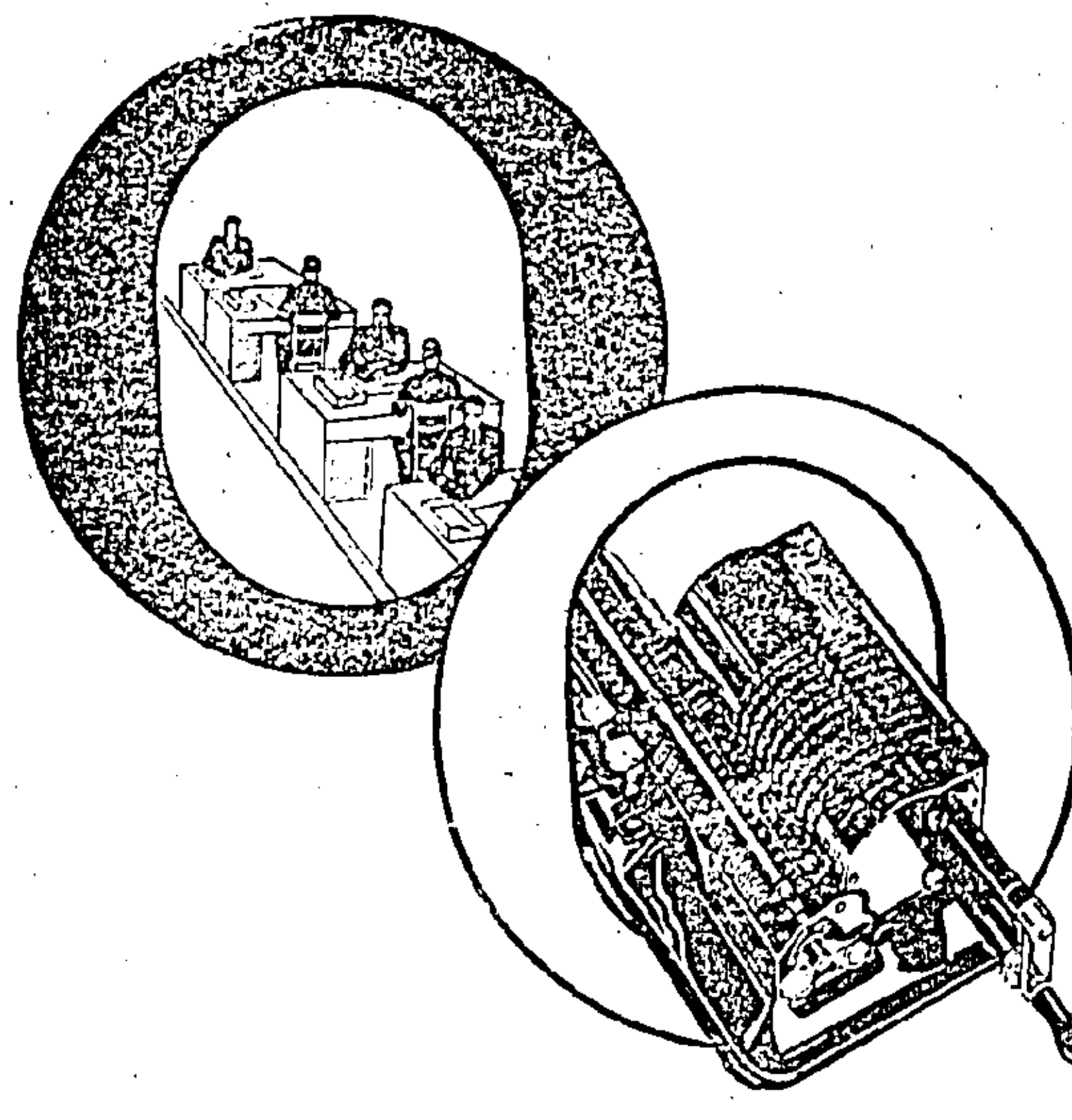
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SHATIN PROPOSAL.

Important recommendations are contained in the report of the Playing Fields Committee which was appointed in May of last year "to review the provision at present existing for playing fields in Hongkong and on the mainland, to consider what provision is required and to make recommendations to Government in the matter."

Discussing the adequacy of present large grounds and fresh provision for the future, the report says: "We find that since 1925 the larger portions of an already formed building site at Caroline Hill of approximately 10 acres in extent have been allotted on annual permit to two Clubs as playing fields. We understand that this site was intended originally to be the site for the new Queen's College for which other sites have since been considered while the building of the College has been postponed for financial reasons, that, including part of the cost of the approach road, the sum of \$214,000 has already been spent by Government on its formation, and that if the whole area was cleared and made suitable for recreation purposes and other incidental expenses met, the total cost of the site would amount to not less than \$260,000. We understand further that the value of the site as building land is approximately 1½ million dollars. We have noticed that this area is situated in a district of which a very large portion is devoted to playing fields, and that there are open spaces all around, Happy Valley, Queen's Recreation Ground and Sookunpoo Recreation Ground all being in the immediate neighbourhood."

We find on the other hand in the Aberdeen Valley there is a large tract of flat Crown land at present held by cultivators in small lots on short term permits, and that an additional large flat area might be obtained by reclaiming the swamp at the inner end of Aberdeen Channel and placing a causeway across the estuary here at a spot indicated by the Director of Public Works whilst still leaving ample room for the shelter of Chinese small craft in rough weather. We understand that there have been various proposals made in past years for the development of this land as a garden city, a race course, or a golf course, but we are of opinion that it would be best utilized as an area for playing fields.

The Director of Public Works has furnished us with a plan showing such land in this neighbourhood as might most suitably and cheaply be formed, levelled and reclaimed for the purpose on the south side of the motor road. We understand that an area of 35 acres might be levelled and the earth deposited as filling on a further 55 acres making a total of 90 acres. With regard to cost we understand that a road diversion would cost about \$35,000, nullah-training which would be indispensable, would cost about \$300,000, and the work of levelling, constructing a causeway across the channel, and turfing about \$675,000 making a total of about \$1,010,000. The work would take from three to five years to complete, if the scheme was undertaken as a whole, according to the nature of the ground to be excavated and filled in.

Financing Aberdeen Scheme.

Since therefore for less than the price as building land of an area of at most 10 acres at Caroline Hill an area of at least nine times that extent might be made available for playing fields in Aberdeen Valley, we recommend:—

(a) That Government should proceed to dispose of Caroline Hill in due course as opportunity offers, for building purposes, and that the proceeds should be used to develop the Aberdeen area. We agree that the method

of disposing of the Caroline Hill area for sale must be left to the consideration of Government, and until steps are taken in this direction, we recommend that the area should remain as now available for playing fields and continue to be allotted for short periods.

(b) That whether or not Government is willing to provide the funds by the sale of Caroline Hill, it should as a condition permit undertaking the work of forming and laying out for playing fields the whole area in the Aberdeen Valley, as shown marked on the plan which is attached to this report as Appendix I. We do not consider that road diversion is essential to the project in its early stages.

(c) That if Government cannot see its way immediately or in the near future to undertake at the whole project, it should begin as soon as possible with the work of training the nullah and with such site-formation as might be connected therewith. Should any Clubs then be desirous of taking up playing fields sites in the valley in accordance with an approved lay out, forming the sites at their own expense, we recommend that Government should facilitate such projects by the grant of long leases at a nominal rental with a guarantee of reasonable reimbursement if it should be necessary to resume the land before the expiry of the lease.

(d) That as the usefulness of the Aberdeen Valley area for playing fields would depend largely on convenience of access the Government should construct a short-cut suitable for motor traffic from Wongneichong Gap to Aberdeen. We understand that a suitable track following generally the lines of the bridge path is possible, and that the distance from Wongneichong Gap to the new playing fields at Aberdeen Valley could thus be reduced by about one half. We understand that the making of this road would add \$100,000 to the cost of the scheme outlined above.

In making the above recommendations we wish it to be understood that we do not imply that the development of the Aberdeen Valley scheme is to be entirely dependent on money being made available from the sale of Caroline Hill but rather that the sale of Caroline Hill offers a means of financing the more expeditious completion of the scheme by Government.

The Polo Club.

We have given very careful consideration to the question of how

the area at present allotted to the Polo Club at Queen's Recreation Ground could most fairly and usefully be employed for the purposes of recreation, and have heard evidence in detail from all points of view on this subject. We have noticed that whilst this area is on the one hand nominally reserved for a comparatively small body, viz., the playing members of the Polo Club, in reality it forms a playground for many hundreds of children of the locality, when not in actual use for polo, and we are informed that the Polo Club has offered the use of the ground for other games on the whole of Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year when the ground is not ordinarily used by the Polo Club and subject to no serious damage being done to the turf. We realize further the importance of the game of Polo in the training of Army Officers and would be loth to do anything that would impede the continued existence of the game in the Colony. We understand from the Club's representatives however that if an alternative ground is offered in the Aberdeen Valley the Club would have no objection to transferring there, its stables remaining where they are now and ponies being walked out to the new ground prior to play.

We recommend therefore that when a space is made available in the Aberdeen Valley, the Polo Club, as now occupying ground which might more suitably be allotted to other clubs with more numerous membership, should be re-allotted a ground at Aberdeen, and that meanwhile the Polo Club should continue in the use of its present ground. We would deprecate however the strict fencing in of the present ground by any new allottees in such a way as to prevent its present use as a playground by the children of the neighbourhood unless an alternative public playground is provided.

Happy Valley.

We have been struck with the very congested state of the ground at present used by various cricket clubs and a football club at the north end of Happy Valley. We recommend therefore that as large an area as possible of the land at the base of Morrison Hill Road and Gap Road should be reserved as an open space to provide for extensions of the overcrowded playing field area now occupied by the 'Civil Service', the 'Police', the 'Craigengower' and 'Hongkong Football' Clubs.

It has been represented to us that the stables of the Mounted Infantry Company on Queen's Recreation Ground detract seriously from the amenities of the Chinese Recreation Club, and prevent much needed extension of the playing field area in this neighbourhood. We consider that this representation is justified and recommend that Government should if possible provide alternative accommodation for these stables elsewhere.

With regard to the use by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club of Happy Valley, we consider that as this was the original home of the Club, and the course here performs in some respects the functions of a municipal golf course, being convenient of access and involving for travelling and thus allowing many to play the game and obtain exercise who could not otherwise afford to do so, the Club should not be required to give up playing here any more than is absolutely necessary. It was suggested to us however, that the club might be willing to forego the use of the ground for perhaps one or two afternoons a week in the summer months so that those who wish to play football or baseball during the summer might have ground available. We consulted the Golf Club in the matter and it replied that it was willing to give up the use of Happy Valley on Saturday afternoons next summer for one season as an experiment. We understand that the permanent Recreation Grounds Committee will make use of this offer in its work of allotment for next season.

Provision for Navy.

Our last recommendation in regard to the recreation grounds in the Happy Valley—Queen's Recreation Ground district is that when a scheme has materialised for providing further extension of playing fields on the south side of the island at Aberdeen Valley the possibility of locating the Navy Recreation Club on a permanent ground of its own on some of the grounds thus rendered vacant or available on the Victoria side of the island should be given every consideration. In making this recommendation we are prompted by the considerations that the Navy has hitherto been unfortunate in having no settled ground of its own, and that it is desirable that the men of the Navy, who cannot afford much in the way of travelling expenses, should have their outdoor recreational facilities convenient to their present indoor headquarters or clubs, and within a reasonable distance from their ships.

The Committee devoted special attention to the needs of the Navy in the matter of Recreation Grounds, as the inadequacy of the present position was strongly urged. It was pointed out that during the winter there are sometimes as many as 3,000 Naval ratings to be provided for. The Naval representative considered it to be essential that the grounds provided should be given on a long enough tenure to justify improvement at the expense of Naval Funds, that they should be within easy access of the Harbour, and preferably on the Hongkong side on which the Naval Clubs and Canteen are already situated.

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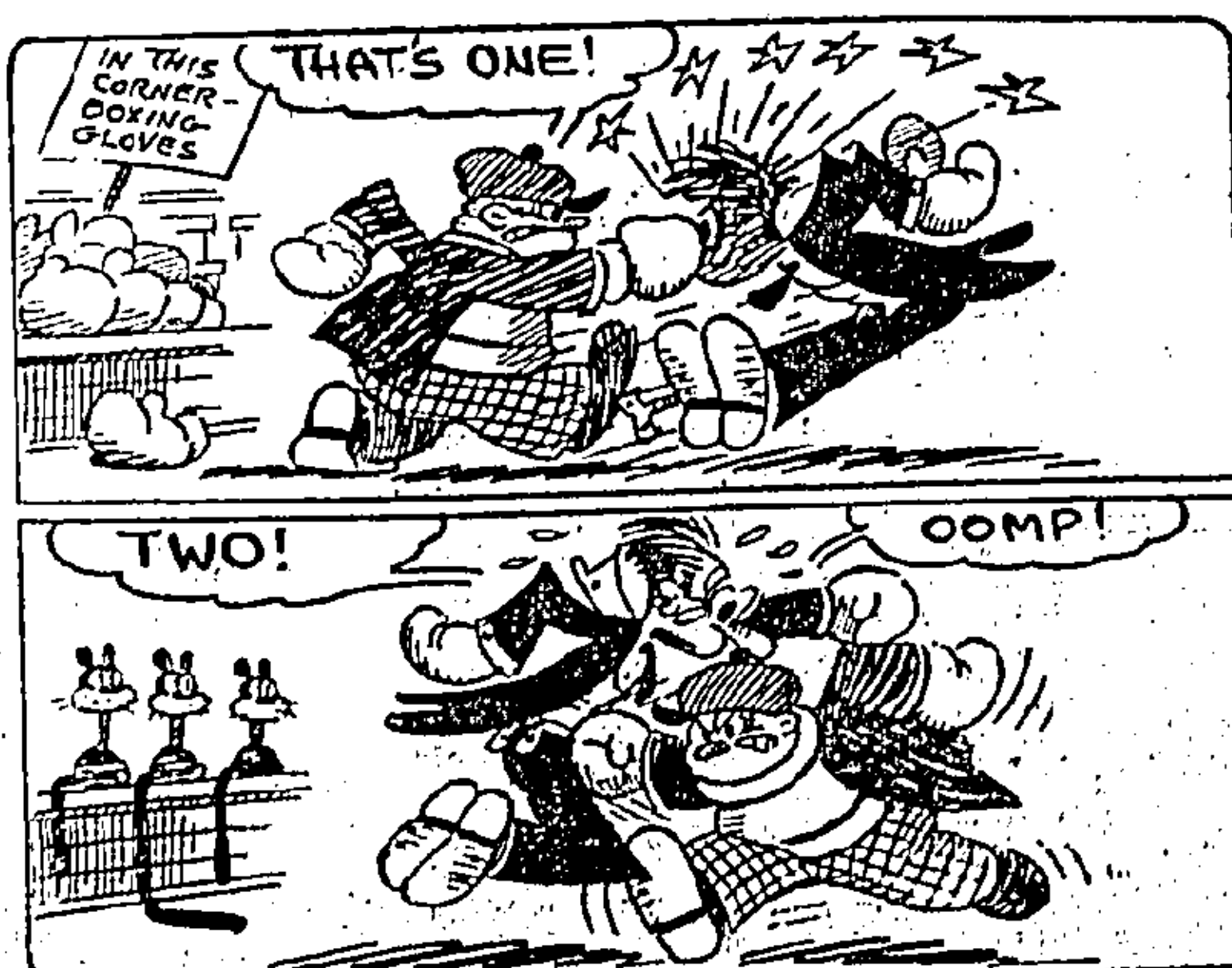
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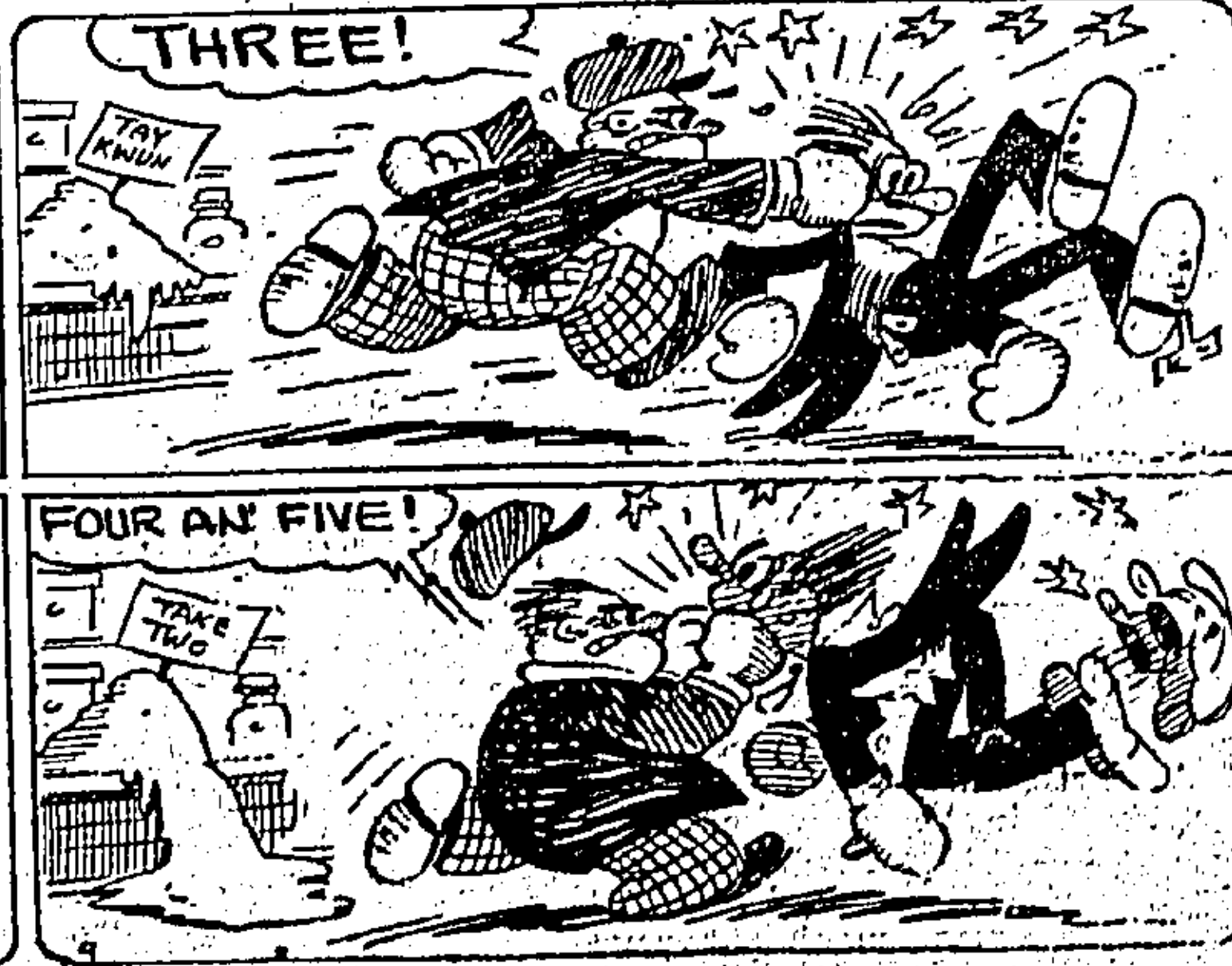


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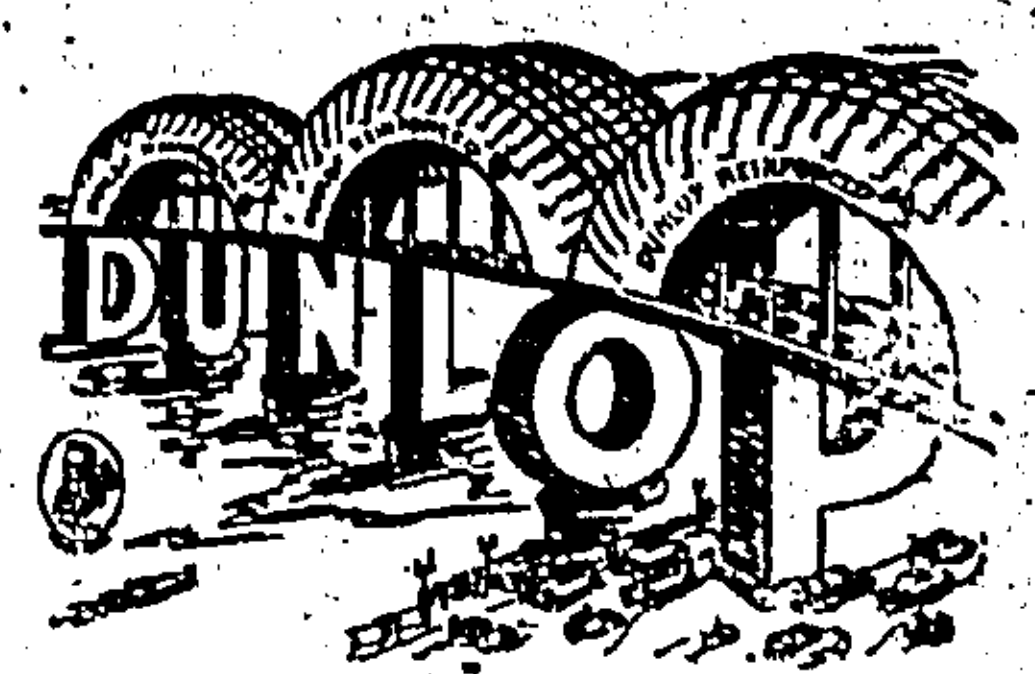
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GOVERNMENT ADAMANT.

The British Government's refusal to interfere regarding the religious persecution in Russia was again stressed in a debate in the House of Lords when the Primate detailed twenty cases of persecution which he said he was convinced were authentic. In these cases 71 persons were sentenced to be shot and 112 sentenced to terms of imprisonment. He suggested six points which he considered should be brought to the notice of the Soviet Ambassador in London.

Replying, Lord Parmoor said that before any Government could act there must be overwhelming proof that the wrongs were so galling as to become the concern of the whole civilised world and also must have good reason to hope that its action would really alleviate such wrongs.

Lord Parmoor said the Government had no intention of breaking off relations with Russia. He refused to publish communications from the British Ambassador at Moscow.

RELATIONS TO BE MAINTAINED.

London, Apr. 2. In the House of Lords to-day, the Archbishop of Canterbury called further attention to the oppression of religion in Russia. He said he had done his best independently to ascertain the facts and was confident that he was able to prove that an elaborate system of persistent oppression of religion continued in Russia.

He said it was futile to ascribe this merely to resentment felt against the Orthodox Church because of its association with the Czarist regime. He had no doubt that there must be angry and resentful memories amongst those who had suffered in that regime, but the campaign was directed against every form of theistic religion.

Church meetings of synagogues, mosque, all alike were declared to be enemies of social reconstruction. In 1928, 359 churches, 78 monasteries, 50 synagogues and 36 mosques were closed according to reliable statistics and hundreds more were closed last year.

Authentic Cases.

He had received reports of 20 cases of persecution which he was satisfied were authentic. In these 20 cases 71 persons were sentenced to be shot and 112 were sentenced to imprisonment for from two to twelve years.

He had not questioned the advantage of having a British representative in Moscow and a representative of the Soviet Government in London, but the advantages carried with them special responsibilities.

Sooner or later our own Government meant to convey to the Soviet Government that if the relations were to be diplomatically satisfactory, the Soviet Government must pay some heed to public opinion of this country which in this matter he believed to be singularly clear and united.

It was for the Government to decide at what time, in what way, and within what limits representations should be made. We could not expect, nor even ask the Soviet Government, to arrange their attitude towards religion, for that attitude was its own religion.

Archbishop's Six Points.

The Archbishop of Canterbury repudiated the idea that criticism of the Soviet Government implied a threat of war. He suggested that the British Government should bring the following points to the notice of the Russian representative in Great Britain:

- (1). Equality of civil rights for religious servants other than citizens.
- (2). An opportunity for workmen to observe Sundays as holidays in a five day week.
- (3). To allow the printing and circulating of books on religious instruction.
- (4). The removal of restrictions on the group teaching of children.

- (5) The release of religious servants languishing in prison in the arctic zone, and
- (6) The cessation of the general closing of churches.

Lord Parmoor Replies.

Replying for the Government, Lord Parmoor did not accept the whole picture as painted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Accuracy regarding what was proceeding in Russia was beyond the scope of any Government to ascertain. He did not doubt that there had been a terrible amount of religious persecution last year but there was now an improvement.

Less Terrible Now.

It was not easy to say what the Government could do to influence those conditions. He was glad to see that some change had taken place, but in the meantime the terror of the movement undoubtedly prevailed in Russia, though he was led to believe on information supplied to him that they were less terrible now than at any time during the last ten years.

The separation of school from State, lamentable as it was in Russia, had been a matter of acute differences of opinion in other countries, but surely the attitude of any State towards education was purely an internal concern of each Government and no representation on such issue could be justified.

Two Conditions.

We all detested the systematic denial of religious tolerance in Russia, but no outside Government could rightly act in such a case unless two conditions were satisfied.

Firstly it would need to have overwhelming and accurate proof that wrongs were being committed so galling in their nature and extent that they came to be the concern of the whole civilised world.

The principle that one country should not seek to interfere with the internal affairs of another was not a mere matter of diplomatic propriety. It was an essential condition of relations of any kind between one Government and another.

Secondly the Government must have good reason to hope that its action would really alleviate such wrongs or, at least, not do more harm than good.

Lord Parmoor added that if friendly relations were maintained there was a growing chance of influencing the Soviet Government.

He promised that the Archbishop of Canterbury's points would be brought to the notice of the Russian representative in London.

PLENARY SESSION
POSTPONED.

PARLEYS NOT TO BE
INTERRUPTED.

OPTIMISM GROWS AT THE
CONFERENCE.

JAPANESE CAUTION.

London, Apr. 2.

The Plenary Session of the London Naval Conference, which had been fixed for Friday, has been postponed *sine die* owing to the progress of the Anglo-French conversations which it is undesirable to interrupt at this stage and which might be affected by a public statement concerning them. It is impossible to say at present whether the Conference will finish before Easter.

A further meeting between the Foreign Secretary Mr. Henderson, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, was held this afternoon and it is understood that the conversation will resume to-morrow. Their purpose is to discover, if possible, a formula which, while not extending Britain's liabilities beyond the existing commitments in the League Covenant and the Locarno Treaty, would increase France's sense of security, thereby enabling her to reduce her stated requirements in naval armaments.

The Foreign Ministers have had before them several draft formulae but the investigation of the subject is still incomplete. As constant consultations between M. Briand and his colleagues in Paris are involved, some days will probably elapse before the present conversations are completed.

The Japanese Reply.

The decision to postpone the plenary session was made at a meeting of the heads of delegations this afternoon. It was preceded by a meeting of the chief delegates of Britain, the United States and Japan at which Mr. Wakatsuki was to apprise his colleagues of the reply of the Japanese Government to the proposals which, as a result of United States and Japanese discussions, and with full British approval, were forwarded to Tokyo some time ago.

A communique issued at the close of the full meeting states Mr. Wakatsuki announced that the Japanese delegation had now received a reply on the compromise proposals. The reply states that the Japanese Government are desirous of co-operating in full in promoting the conference's success, and recommend acceptance of the proposals with certain reservations which have still to be discussed in detail.

The chairman, Mr. MacDonald, stated that the head of the American delegation and himself had already had an opportunity of expressing their deep appreciation of the spirit and substance of this reply. A comprehensive report of the Secretary General of the Conference on various questions of method and detail still outstanding was examined.

Treaty Until 1936.

London, Apr. 2. The Japanese Naval Delegation has issued a statement confirming Japan's virtual acceptance of the Anglo-American proposals regarding the ratios as between America and Japan.

The statement contains an important reservation, namely, the assumption that the Treaty to be concluded will remain in force until the end of 1936. After that Japan will be in a position to require the entire reconsideration of the whole problem.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Stimson Optimistic.

London, Apr. 2. A particularly optimistic tone was found in American delegation circles tonight. Mr. Stimson told American correspondents that the "situation was much improved since last week." He added, "I am much more optimistic regarding a Five-Power agreement than I was then."—*Reuter*.

COSGRAVE AGAIN
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ELECTION FIGURES.

London, Apr. 2. Mr. W. T. Cosgrave has been re-elected President of the Irish Executive Council after the defeat of De Valera by 80 votes to 65 and after the defeat of O'Connell (Labour) by 78 votes to 13. Mr. Cosgrave was first elected to the Presidency in 1922 and re-elected in 1927.



The resignation of the Government followed its defeat by 66 votes to 64 in the Dail on a Bill extending old age pensions. It was introduced by the de Valera party and was opposed by the Government on the ground that it would involve an extra cost of from £250,000 to £300,000 yearly.

After the Government's resignation it was intimated that De Valera would be nominated as President but the general belief in Dublin at that time was that he would be defeated.

All the members of the Labour Party, with one exception, voted against motion to elect De Valera.

Mr. Cosgrave was born in

THE JAPANESE FERRY
DISASTER.

Russians Amongst Those Who
Lost Lives.

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

Amongst the victims of the disaster caused by the capsizing of the ferry-boat Wakato Maru, whilst proceeding from Wakamatsu to Tobata, were two Russians, while two Siberian girl dancers are reported as being among the missing.

Fifty-five bodies have been recovered so far, and forty passengers are reported to be still missing.—*Reuter*.

Dublin in 1880. He became acting Chairman of the Government in 1922 while still a grocer and found himself at the head of affairs at a highly critical moment. He was elected President on September 9, 1922 and proved an ideal mediator.

At first he held the Finance portfolio but relinquished it in 1921. In face of the threatened army mutiny in 1924 he took over the Defence Ministry for a few months. His appointments to the Senate and Judiciary have always been made on the basis of merit without regard to politics or religion.—*Reuter and I.B.S.*

AERIAL SPEED
RECORDS.

NO BRITISH ATTEMPTS AT
PRESENT.

London, Apr. 2. In the House of Commons, the Under-Secretary for Air, Mr. Montague, stated, in reply to a question, that no further attempts on the world's speed record were at present contemplated.

High speed aircraft were being used for research purposes.—*British Wireless*.

STOP PRESS.

London, Apr. 3. A sensation has been created in Metropolitan Police circles, according to the *Daily Chronicle*, another police scandal having been unearthed involving uniformed officers engaged on special duties.

Several of these officers have been suspended.—*Reuter*.

Paris, Apr. 3. Startling rumours prevail in political circles following an admission by the Premier, M. Tardieu, to journalists, that the Public Prosecutor will exhaustively investigate a big oil scandal which is reported to involve several prominent Deputies.—*Reuter*.

CIVIL SERVANTS'
SALARIES.

CEYLON FAVOURS A
RUPEE BASIS.

EFFECT ON PENSIONS OF
EUROPEANS.

COUNCIL DEBATE.

The question of civil servants' salaries, which has been the subject of considerable controversy in Hongkong recently, has also been engaging the attention of the Legislative Council in Ceylon, where a lengthy debate has taken place on a motion to place all salaries on a rupee basis. After considerable discussion, the proposal was carried.

The subject was brought up when Mr. B. H. Bourdillon, Colonial Secretary, announced that there was reason to believe that the opinion of the Council had undergone a complete change on the question of basing salaries and overseas allowances on a rupee basis, and Government desired a clear expression of opinion on the subject.

Motion Proposed.

Accordingly, Mr. Kannanara proposed a motion that the salaries of public servants should be fixed on a rupee basis, with an overseas allowance in the case of non-Ceylonese officers recruited from abroad.

Surprise was occasioned when the Colonial Secretary actually appeared as seconder.

Another surprise came when an amendment was proposed to the effect that the overseas allowance should be non-pensionable and that the salary and overseas allowance should in no case exceed the emoluments proposed in the Civil List Salaries Report.

Government Opposition.

The amendment was carried by 20 votes to 14.

During the debate, the Colonial Secretary said that it was obviously impossible for Government to agree to the amendment because the result of it would be a reduction in the pensions of future European officers entering the service. Government did not consider that the present pensions were more than adequate, therefore, Government could not vote for it.

The Other Side.

Mr. Senanayake said that there was no reason why a Ceylonese officer should get a smaller pension merely because he resided in Ceylon, while a European officer got more. The latter received his pension after retirement when he went back to live in his own home.

In answer to Mr. Senanayake's question, Mr. M. J. Cary said that unfortunately those of them who lived the greater part of their lives in the East would take long to get acclimated again to England. It was also far more expensive to return to England and settle down there after living for a long time in the East. The Civil List would show that they did not live long after their retirement and return to England.

A Suggestion.

Mr. E. R. Tambimuttu said that if they were going to give effect to the policy only in regard to those who joined the service in the future, they might as well abandon it because it would have no perceptible effect on the finances of the Colony. It might be asked how they could do otherwise without affecting the contractual relations between the Government and the Services. There was a way open. Government had the power to fix the actual value of the £, and if the sterling was converted into rupees making that the basic salary, there would be no complaint. The Re. 1.50 on the £ would be more than sufficient to provide the overseas allowances.

Commenting on the matter, a newspaper states that the Government, of course, must take cognizance of the Council's vote, but it is possible that a compromise will be effected by basing salaries on a rupee basis and providing pensionable overseas allowances for all officers, whether Ceylonese or European, recruited from abroad, that is by limiting this allowance to recruited officers.

SHELLS FIRED AT
LIQUOR SHIP.

BRITISH SCHOONER HEAVES
TO AFTER CHASE.

BIG CARGO ABOARD.

New York, Apr. 2.

A British schooner named the Ada M. was chased for ten miles before she surrendered to a pursuing patrol boat, stopping only after one or two shells had been fired across her bows.

The Ada M. is a new vessel and at the time was making its maiden voyage from Nova Scotia. She was sighted by a patrol boat off Sandyhook in the darkness and immediately headed for the open sea.

The patrol boat gave chase and fired warning blankshots which were ignored. After the chase had continued for ten miles the patrol boat fired one or two shells across the bows of the Ada M. and she then hove to.

Five thousand cases of liquor were found on board her. The spirits were contained in tins labelled "olive oil," "preserved fruits," etc.

The authorities demanded bail of \$35,000 each from the skipper and the supercargo and of \$1,500 each from the members of the crew.

The value of the liquor is estimated to be in the region of \$45,000.

Another Ship Seized.

Boston, Apr. 2.

Another British schooner, the Aramay, was seized off the coast of Maine by a patrol boat and towed to Boston. Eight hundred cases of liquor were found on board. The crew has been arraigned at the Federal Court on charges of conspiracy and smuggling.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Nicaraguan Action.

The British schooner Ivy Pearl was seized by the Nicaraguan authorities, allegedly liquor laden. The captain has been fined \$81,200 and sentenced to sixty days.—*Reuter's American Service*.

DEMAND RANSOM OF
\$20,000.

BANDITS HOLDING THREE
MISSIONARIES.

Shanghai, Apr. 3.

The China Inland Mission at Yuanchow has received a letter from Mr. R. W. Porteous, who was recently captured by brigands, stating that his captors demand a ransom of \$20,000 for his release. The prisoner's letter came with a Chinese messenger.

The exact whereabouts of Mr. Porteous, who was captured together with his wife and Miss N. E. Gemmell, an American lady, is unknown, but is believed somewhere not far from Yuanchow.—*Reuter*.

BOYCOTT OF FOREIGN
CLOTH.

BOMBAY NOT TO DEAL FOR
THREE MONTHS.

Bombay, Apr. 2.

The Bombay Coloured Printed Piecegoods Merchants' Association has passed a resolution that in view of the present political situation in the country none of the members of the Association shall order, buy or sell any type of foreign cloth for three months.

The Managing Committee was authorised to take action against any member of the Association who contravenes the resolution. It is to come into operation immediately.—*Reuter*.

CENSUS BEGINS IN
AMERICA.

POPULATION INCREASE
ESTIMATED.

Washington, Apr. 2.

A census of the population of the United States has been started. This is the first since 1920 when the population was 105,710,500. The increase since that time is estimated at 17,000,000. A long questionnaire is expected to collect more statistical information than ever before.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SHANTUNG FACES
BIG CRISIS.

FOREIGNERS LEAVING
TSINANFU.

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS NOW
INVADING PROVINCE.

ANXIOUS MOMENTS.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

Foreign residents are leaving Tsinanfu consequent on the extreme tension in Shantung, where movements of the anti-Government forces give indications of an early onslaught on the city, near which severe battles with the Nationalist forces are considered to be inevitable.

Foreigners living in Shantung are most apprehensive, doubting the ability of the Shantung Garrison forces under General Tiao-yuan to keep the invaders at bay.

General Chan has telegraphed for the second time to Nanking urging Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to appoint General Han Fu-chu as Commander of the Nationalist forces in Shantung in anticipation of imminent assaults by the Shansi-Kuominchun allies.

Thousands of Invaders.

Although large scale hostilities have not yet broken out, yesterday saw the arrival on the Shantung-Honan frontier of thousands of Kuominchun troops under General Shih Yu-shan, concentrating at Tsohsien.

Japanese sources estimate that 30,000 anti-Nanking forces under Shih Yu-shan have arrived in Shantung, thus showing the determination of the allies to occupy Shantung and the whole of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Kuominchun Penetration.

The continual pouring across the Shantung borders of Kuominchun troops from Chengchow and Kaifeng has caused great concern among the Nanking Divisional Commanders who are entrusted with the defence of Tsinanfu, Yenchow and Hsuechow.

Tsinanfu messages state that three Divisions of Shansi forces are concentrating at Taming, and this army will attack Tsinanfu and Yenchow.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is in Tungkuang directing the troop movements and he intends shortly to leave for Chengchow personally to direct the anti-Nanking forces in Honan, while Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is understood to be leaving on Tuesday for Shihchichang.

Marshal Yen's departure from Taiyuanfu will probably synchronize with the severe encounters against the Nanking armies.

Railway Destroyed.

The Nanking Commanders at Hsuechowfu were so alarmed by the sudden appearance in Shantung of large contingents of Shansi forces that on Tuesday General Liu Chi, (Officer Commanding the First Nanking Division) ordered the destruction of parts of the railway track between Yenchow and Hsuechowfu on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in an attempt to prevent the Shansi troops from rushing down by the railway.

Despite the critical condition at Tsinanfu, the Nanking Commanders at Pukow, Hsuechowfu and Yenchow have made no attempt to rush reinforcements to Tsinanfu to relieve the garrison forces. In this connexion, it is understood that the Nanking forces are content to shorten their defensive lines to ensure the safety of the Nationalist capital by placing the strongest army at Hsuechowfu.

Nanking's Only Hope.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is understood to have instructed General Han Fu-chu to mobilise all his available troops to relieve Shantung. General Han Fu-chu appears to be the only hope of Nanking. His forces are still on the upper sections of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and if he supports the National Government he will be able to recapture Tsinanfu.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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